REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY BY CITY COUNCIL

Open Data - Cycling and Infrastructure Programs - Bike Share Ridership

Date:	January 31, 2020
To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	Ward: All

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29, 2020, referred Administrative Inquiry IA14.2 from Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood regarding Open Data-Cycling and Infrastructure Program - Bike Share Ridership, and Answer 14.2a from the Acting President, Toronto Parking Authority, to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Summary

Councillor Paul Ainslie has submitted the following Administrative Inquiry:

"I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek information regarding the release of timely and current bike share datasets.

The Toronto Parking Authority has two main bike share datasets: the ridership dataset (CSV) and live JSON file. The Toronto Parking Authority publishes ridership data annually, the intention of open data is to provide purposeful current information.

The Toronto Parking Authority has been directed on a number of occasions to provide an information release schedule. The City of Toronto's Open Data team has not been provided a current update or release schedule identifying when the most current data will be made available on the City's Open Data portal. The Toronto Parking Authority continues to advise that they will continue to release data annually.

The City or Toronto's Open Data team as on a number of occasions communicated with The Toronto Parking Authority to offer their expertise in finding improvements to the publishing of data and to have the City's expectations satisfied.

I am requesting the following from Toronto Parking Authority;

1. Toronto Parking Authority report on their work with the City of Toronto Open Data Team including meeting dates, project status and implementation plan.

2. Toronto Parking Authority provide a detailed plan to commence releasing current bike share datasets to the City of Toronto's open data team daily or monthly to be available on the City of Toronto's Open Data Web Portal by March 1, 2020.

3. Toronto Parking Authority together with the City of Toronto's Open Data Team report to the General Government and Licensing Committee at the March 9, 2020 with the bike share dataset release schedule."