

June 13, 2023

Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Toronto City Council Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: MM7.12 Bright Night in the Boroughs: Bring Nuit Blanche Back to Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough in 2024 (Ward All)

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of Councillor Cheng's motion requesting a plan to include the inner suburbs in the popular Nuit Blanche, Toronto's all night celebration of art, on an annual basis.

We all want to live and thrive in a city that is culturally and economically vibrant. With a mission to make cycling a viable option for all Torontonians, Cycle Toronto strives to improve the city's investment in both its public realm and its cycling infrastructure. As we have seen with the growing popularity of Nuit Blanche, the growth of Bike Share Toronto, and the expansion of the cycling network, people flock to the city to participate in the all night extravaganza of art, and enjoy getting around on bike, transit or foot. Many from the inner suburbs are forced to travel to the city core if they want to participate, which is inequitable.

When we open our streets for people to enjoy, we create an economic vibrancy that will contribute to mitigating the city's covid recovery.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

Cycle Toronto

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vibrant cycling city for all.