



Hamilton

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
From:	Sharon Gibbons _____ Hamilton Cycling Committee - Chair <i>Signature</i>
Date:	April 5, 2017
Re:	Request to have the Mayor send a letter of support to the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Recommendation:

That the Mayor be asked to send a letter to the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change in support of additional Provincial funding of cycling infrastructure in Ontario.

Background:

The Share The Road cycling organization, a province-wide cycling advocacy organization, requested cycling organizations to submit letters to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change in support of additional funding of cycling infrastructure in Ontario in association with the Provincial Climate Change Action Plan. This Provincial Plan has now been developed, and the Hamilton Cycling Committee feels that a letter of support from Hamilton's Mayor will send a positive message to the Provincial Government.

Analysis/Rationale:

The Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) believes Provincial funding will help to expand appropriate cycling infrastructure across the province and in Hamilton. The HCyC would be pleased to offer a few notes to the Mayor to assist in drafting the letter and relate the Provincial Climate Change Action Plan to community health and safety issues such as:

In 2013, the City of Hamilton's Public Health Department worked in partnership with Ontario's Ministry of the Environment to produce the "Air Quality Progress Report

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2013.” This found that motor vehicle operators in Hamilton produce more pollution than all other sources, with 50% of the total air pollution in Hamilton caused by motor vehicle operators. Of particular concern are cancer-causing fine particles in motor vehicle pollution.

and

The City of Hamilton conducted public consultations with regards to implementing a “Vision Zero” strategy of achieving zero deaths.

Appendices:

None