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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter requesting annual investment in cycling infrastructure. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

It is encouraging to hear that the City of Hamilton is committing continued funding to cycling infrastructure and striving to increase the number of both biking and walking trips in the community. We know how important cycling and walking are as means of travel and as part of an environmentally friendly, healthy and active lifestyle for Ontarians.

The Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport are working together to develop the next multi-year action plan to advance the implementation of #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy. From February 5 to March 7, 2018, a proposal for #CycleON Action Plan 2.0 was posted on the Environmental Registry for public comment where we received 119 comments on the plan.

We are indeed making significant investments to support cycling under the Climate Change Action Plan. In 2017/18, this included over \$93 million through the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program (OMCC), a multi-year program supported by proceeds from Ontario's cap and trade program. Ontario municipalities of every size are eligible for annual OMCC funding to support up to 80 per cent of costs associated with their implementation of eligible commuter cycling projects.

Ontario is off to a great start with this unprecedented investment in commuter cycling infrastructure and we know that the work will have to continue. This is why the 2018 Budget positions Ontario to build on these recent initiatives with additional carbon market investments over the coming years, including up to \$140 million to build more bike lanes, bike lockers and "First-mile/Last-mile" transit solutions.

Please feel free to have you office contact ministry staff at cycling@ontario.ca if you have any questions about the OMCC, Action Plan 2.0 or other cycling initiatives.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn McGarry". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kathryn McGarry
Minister

