



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	October 19, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Sustainable Mobility Programs Annual Report 2019 (PED19124(a)) (City Wide) <b>(Outstanding Business List Item)</b>
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## COUNCIL DIRECTION

On July 12, 2019, Council approved Report PED19124 - Smart Commute Workplace Mobility Program Transition, which included a Recommendation that staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee annually on the results of the Sustainable Mobility Program including the workplace and school programs.

The purpose of this Information Report is to provide the Public Works Committee with an update on activities completed in 2019 and the associated Annual Report.

## INFORMATION

The 2019 Sustainability Mobility Programs Annual Report attached as Appendix "A" to this Report summarizes all activities of the Sustainable Mobility Program. These include the Smart Commute Hamilton workplace program, Hamilton Bike Share, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives, infrastructure, and policies. The program encompasses a large range of activities that aim to reduce the use of single occupant vehicles and decrease the need for additional roads, road widening and increased parking provision, while reducing residents' overall household transportation

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

costs and assisting to facilitate safe and healthy communities. TDM is a key implementation strategy of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

In 2019, some program highlights include:

### **WORKPLACE PROGRAM**

- Twenty-eight Smart Commute employers participating in the program, representing over 125,000 employees and students;
- Smart commute carpooling and transportation tool logged 2,471 trips;
- Employees avoided 23,748 vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT);
- 13.2 Tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions saved;
- Car-poolers saved \$200 K in travel costs;
- Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board was recognized as the top employer of the year for 2019 out of all large Hamilton employers;
- Indwell was recognized as the top employer of the year for 2019 out of all small Hamilton employers; and,
- When commuters were surveyed at random, over 56% of Smart Commute workplace employees took a sustainable mode of transportation to work.

### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

- 850,462 trips were taken on the Chedoke Stairs;
- 464,744 cycling and walking trips were taken on along Confederation Park;
- Transportation Tomorrow Survey results show that 67% off all cycling trips in the City occur in the bike share service area and the City has seen a 100% increase in cycling trips between 2011 and 2016 data periods;
- 25 “Hammer Hoop” bicycle racks and multi-ring bicycle racks locations were installed across the City;
- Bike Valets at various events across the City such as Supercrawl parked over 1,000 bicycles;
- The total number of bike share trips reaches over 1.7 million, representing 3.6 million kms travelled; and,
- Mountain Climber pass program is expanded.

### **SCHOOLS**

- 15,000 students participated in Wear Yellow Days by walking or rolling to school;
- 17 schools reached the Level 1 of the Active and Safe School Travel certification; and,
- 78 schools participated in Bike to School Week.

Overall, 2019 saw continued progression on a number of Sustainable Mobility initiatives but was also a year of transition with Metrolinx support for the Smart Commute Program ending in July 2019. This transition was managed during the latter part of 2019 and the Smart Commute Program is now being overseen by a consortium of the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) municipalities with the City of Hamilton leading coordination of the Smart Commute Tool on behalf of these municipalities. This transition has been an opportunity to reinvigorate some elements of the Smart Commute Hamilton Program, and for staff to devote more resources to Hamilton specific solutions and initiatives. For example, staff have streamlined the approach to TDM reviews for developments, with a focus on matching development related needs and opportunities to the tools and resources available locally.

As the City grows and intensifies, the need for Sustainable Mobility Programs will no doubt increase. Progress and outcomes achieved in 2019 have set the stage for continued growth and success.

As this Report provides an update on the results of the Sustainable Mobility programs, it is appropriate to be identified as complete and removed from the Public Works Outstanding Business List. Sustainable Mobility programs will continue to report to Council annually through Information Updates.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix "A" - Sustainable Mobility Programs Annual Report 2019

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