

Good Afternoon Members of the General Issues Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the Mayors Motion to help make Hamilton Bike Share Sustainable.

I am here today as a Board Member of Cycle Hamilton and cyclist and a bike share user. Over the last few years of my cycling journey I have seen the many benefits both physically and mentally of riding a bike. Hamilton has a vibrant cycling community that includes many Bike Share users.

Bike Share is an affordable, accessible alternative for many that don't own a bike or are afraid of theft, or owning a motor vehicle to those people that live in or visit the service area on a regular basis. Bike Share opens the doors to shopping, medical appointments, exercise and even employment. Recently I had my own bike stolen and through bike share I was still able to go get groceries, attend medical appointments and even get to New Hope Bikes to purchase a new to me bike.

Before the pandemic and during, BikeShare was important in filling the gaps or last mile for using public transit. During the pandemic it allowed people to stay connected with essential trips allowing the seats on Transit to be used by essential workers. This making it a important and vital part of the transportation network. Bike share also allows people a choice in mode of transportation in making these trips.

I am an adult who has difficulty walking and through Bike Share and owning my own bike has allowed me to be active in the community and be car-free. Through the Mayor's Motion to make Bike Share more sustainable it will allow Bike Share to continue to be affordable, accessible and a vital part of the Transportation network in the lower city.

Some Stats from Hamilton Bike Share Available on their instagram account check out Hamilton Bike Share's Instagram ([hamontbikeshare](https://www.instagram.com/hamontbikeshare)) and their hashtag [#hbsipassport](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/hbsipassport/)
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-July 30-Aug 2 riders collectively cycled 7,296 km

-July 16-18 riders collectively cycled 4,905 km

-July 1 - July 4 2021 702 trips along the Harbour WaterFront and 7, 757 km

Thinking about these stats, the Greenhouse Gas emissions saved, the cost of fuel and the City

of Hamilton' Declaration of a Climate Emergency funding Bikeshare seems like a win win for the City, residents and our environment.

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