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Dear Counsellors

My name is Lesia Leong and I am a Hamilton resident currently attending McMaster University.

I started using bike share in the fall of 2024 when a pass became included in my tuition. Since then, I have been a regular user of the sobi's.

Coming from Toronto, I was used to public transport that was available 24/7 that arrived every few minutes. When I moved to Hamilton I quickly realized how inaccessible the city was. Busses near me ran every hour on sundays with the latest one running at 11:30pm. Going out and enjoying the city on weekends proved to be very difficult. With the bike share u pass this year, my friends and I have been able to explore more of the city and try out different restaurants and cafes. We would not have done this without bike share being so accessible and convenient. Exploring Hamilton as a young woman has been scary at times and bike share has helped me go around the city with a sense of safety.

Major cities all around the world including but not limited to: Toronto, Paris, New York, Boston, Sydney, London all have bike share programs. Cancelling bike share is taking a step back from positioning Hamilton as an up and coming city.

Please continue funding bikeshare!