

## Added Item 8.4.1

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**From:** Martin Eckart

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:07 PM

**To:** McHattie, Brian

**Subject:** Hamilton Bike Share

Dear Brian,

I just wanted to send a quick note voicing my support for the proposed bike sharing system in Hamilton. I'm a resident and homeowner in Hamilton's North End and commute by bike daily to my work on Locke St.

Even though the bike share wouldn't be targeted to established bicycle commuters like me, I would definitely use the service for trips around the downtown or as part of a transit strategy for travel to Toronto on GO or to get to the LRT line quickly. It's a real benefit to have an on-demand bicycle nearby for which I don't need to bring a lock. The system is an effective fit with the proposed all-day GO and LRT projects.

I watched the presentation to council and to me it seemed that city staff were strongly in support of the proposal both as a low-risk enhancement to the city and an easy-win capital infrastructure investment from Metrolinx. It is a new source of revenue for the city and keeps us in-line with modernizing trends of major urban centres across North America. It's another step toward beautifying our city and attracting more creative professionals, investing their time, business, money and families into the city's future. That's just my personal perspective as a software developer doing exactly that.

I urge you to advocate and vote in favour for the proposed bike share plan.

Thank you,

Martin Eckart

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