

To the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

August 27, 2021

Members of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory
Committee and Councillor Fonseca,

As a member of the Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee, I am writing to your committee today regarding the issue of bicycle theft in our region.

I believe it is time to look for new strategies in the way we deal with the problem of bicycle theft. I have enclosed a power point presentation from the Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee meeting of August 17, 2021. It presents a strategy that originated in the city of Vancouver and relies on a global bicycle registration website called the 529Garage, and an increased police department commitment.

I do not have the statistics for Brampton or Mississauga, but I believe bicycle theft is a problem that should be delt with in any community. In fact, it is a component of a bicycle friendly community.

What I am asking for is consideration to discuss the information presented at your September 14, 2021, meeting. The first video link on the last page of my presentation contains most of the information on the subject that you would need.

I would like your support before I approach the Peel Regional Police organization regarding the possibility of adopting this twenty first century strategy to the problem of bicycle theft.

Sincerely,

Stephen Laidlaw

Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee