

Motion calling on the Federal government to create a national urban cycling infrastructure fund as part of a COVID-19 economic stimulus package

WHEREAS Mississauga Council approved the City's Cycling Master Plan in July 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Cycling Master Plan envisions a safe, connected, convenient and comfortable bicycle network to be built out over a 27 year timeframe;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has adopted Vision Zero, and has established a Vision Zero framework through its Transportation Master Plan;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga approved the Climate Change Action Plan in December 2019, which identifies low emissions mobility (e.g., cycling) as a key pathway to reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050

AND WHEREAS the City has made significant progress in adding new links and connections to the cycling network in the past year, by constructing 15 kilometres of new infrastructure in 2019;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated value of the ultimate cycling network identified in the Cycling Master Plan is \$267 Million, and funding through an economic stimulus package would accelerate the City's implementation;

AND WHEREAS in response to the COVID-19 crisis, the City installed temporary bicycle lanes in several locations across the City, to provide residents with transportation and recreational options while maintaining physical distancing;

AND WHEREAS on July 8, 2020, Mississauga Council approved the Active Transportation COVID-19 Recovery Framework, the City's strategic response to the impact of COVID on the mobility of residents, which will see 18 kilometres of on-road bicycle lanes installed by the end of the year;

AND WHEREAS when the country begins its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, government stimulus spending will play a critical role in helping the economy to recover;

AND WHEREAS cycling infrastructure projects can typically commence with shorter lead times;

AND WHEREAS construction of cycling infrastructure often involves the modification of existing roads, and involves a variety of trades and industries;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest city in Canada and can lead by example by being a role model and champion for supporting active transportation as a key element in building sustainable and livable communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor on behalf of the City of Mississauga write a letter to the Federal Government supporting the creation of a national urban cycling infrastructure fund of at least \$265 million as part of a COVID-19 economic stimulus package to be distributed over the next two years to Canadian cities;
2. The City support the Federal Government's recent announcement to establish a National Active Transportation Strategy, and advocate for the inclusion of longer term sustainable funding to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs;
3. The City of Mississauga bring forward this matter for discussion at the forthcoming conferences of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and
4. This Resolution and the letter to the Federal Government be shared with the Region of Peel and neighbouring GTHA municipalities as an encouragement towards a collaborative advocacy to the Federal Government for a national urban cycling infrastructure stimulus fund.

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