

President's Message June 1 2011

To Anyone With an Interest in Cycling

The Thunder Bay Cycling Club is making a short 10 minute presentation (see attached 5 slides) to City Council on Monday June 6 in support of expanding the bike lanes across the City.

The City Staff will be recommending to City Council further expansion of existing 10 kms of bike lanes by creating 9 kms bike lanes along the following streets; Victoria Ave Syndicate Ave Shuniah and John St and possibly Francis St

This is in keeping with the implementation of the City's Active Transportation Plan which the club has worked with the City and others to develop and foster.

Other citizens will be making presentations and submitting petitions containing their objections to bike lanes. (The loss of street parking is a key concern)

On behalf of the Cycling Club Board of Directors, I am asking cyclists like yourself to express your support of bike lanes as one means of promoting and facilitating cycling.

We are asking for your endorsement of the following statement.

"As a resident of Thunder Bay I support the expansion of bike lanes in the City as one means of promoting and supporting people of all ages and abilities to participate in cycling as a safe economical, healthy and enjoyable activity and means of transport."

Please submit your response email to me by noon June 6 quoting the above statement and your support for or against it and any other comments. Include in your email your name and address so your emails can be bundled together in the form of a petition.

Also you may wish to show visible support by attending the City Council Meeting on Monday June 6. The Council Meeting is on the 3 rd floor of City Hall on Donald St As the topic of bike lanes is in the later half of the agenda, it will be addressed some time past 7 PM. To be identifiable as a cyclist you might wish to wear a cycling jersey or any bright coloured shirt.

The last topic on the Council agenda is Councilor Ruberto and his recommendation that City promote Active Transportation or non motorized activities by doing 2 feasibility studies into A/ closing Lyon Boulevard from Algoma to Arundel during July and August, and B/ closing 2 of 4 lanes of a major north south arterial road during August.

If questions etc. please email or phone me.

I hope that you will take this opportunity to show your support for cycling in our City. And I look forward to receiving your emails prior to noon on June 6

Cheers

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