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Re: City of Kawartha Lakes Active Transportation Master Plan

This letter is presented to council by an interested citizen and current President of the Kawartha Cycling Club

About the Cycling Club

- The Kawartha Cycling Club is a not for profit incorporated cycling club located within the City of Kawartha Lakes.
 - o Established in 2006. From the Clubs constitution:
 - The primary objective of the Club is to foster and promote the sport and pastime of cycling in our community.
 - The Club organizes events to promote cycling; racing, training, social and pleasure rides.
 - o The Club also supports a number of CAN BIKE instructors who provide courses aimed at teaching cyclists how to ride safely on trails and roads.
 - o Currently the Club has 91 members.
 - o Recent related activities include:
 - Annually organize the Kawartha Lakes Classic Cycling Tour fundraiser for A Place Called Home. The event brings over 250 Cyclists and families from all over Southern Ontario to our City and raised over \$33,000 for the charity in 2019
 - Successful lead applicant for the Trillium foundation grant leading to the Active Again program in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon.
 - Current lead applicant for the Welcome Cyclist initiative in Lindsay.

Active Transportation Master Plan Support and Comprehensive Plan development

- We strongly urge Council to support the development of the Plan in next year's budget.
 - o The benefits have been well documented regarding community health impact, community attractiveness for younger residents and potential residents, facilitates safe, active traveling to schools, recreation centres, parks and shopping.
 - o The Plan would be a key guide for active transportation in infrastructure design and redevelopment as a default position eliminating political posturing and numerous debates and community anxiety.

- In the past I believe several available grants supporting active infrastructure have been available to those communities with an active transportation plan (surrounding communities) but not the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- This would also clarify our engineering and planning mandates.
- The Plan should cover all communities within The City of Kawartha Lakes
- The process should have a definite timetable for completion with identified stakeholder participants.

The Kawartha Cycling Club would be a strong supported and active participant in the Plans development.

Thank you for your consideration.

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President

Kawartha Cycling Club