



PROCLAMATION

Cycling Week in Kingston May 31 – June 6, 2020

Whereas bicycles are classified as vehicles under the Province of Ontario's Highway Traffic Act and, as such, are a legitimate vehicle option for use on the City's roadways; and,

Whereas bicycles are an efficient form of transportation and the City of Kingston has one of the highest use of bicycles for travel to work, per capita, in Canada; and,

Whereas the City of Kingston is committed to being a bicycle friendly community and has been recognized as a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community, through its ongoing attention to facilitating cycling through projects and infrastructure; and,

Whereas the City of Kingston has passed an Active Transportation Master Plan that will extend cycling infrastructure AND promote education and awareness regarding safe use of bicycles throughout the City; and,

Whereas cycling is a safe and reasonable activity that has health benefits for all residents of the City of Kingston as part of an active lifestyle; and,

Whereas the promotion of cycling can have a positive economic impact to businesses and the City of Kingston, as evidenced by overall increased attention to bicycle related enterprises and a rapidly growing cycle tourism market; and,

Whereas the City of Kingston is committed to being a sustainable city, in part, though encouraging its citizens to use bicycles for commuting, recreation, and other transportation needs, recognizing that the use of bicycles has a positive environmental effect on our City and the planet by leaving a much reduced carbon footprint; and,

Whereas the United Nations has declared June 3rd as World Bicycle Day; and,

Whereas cycling and bicycles, by activity and imagery, are universally recognized as indicators of a progressive community, in general:

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson hereby proclaim the week of May 31 through June 6, 2020, as Cycling Week in the City of Kingston, urging all citizens and visitors to celebrate bicycles and cycling for every and all good reasons.

Dated at Kingston this 21st day of May 2020




Bryan Paterson
Mayor