



## PROCLAMATION

### Cycling Week in Kingston

May 31 – June 7, 2024

**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 welcoming community and has been recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community, through its ongoing attention to cycling awareness, projects, and infrastructure; and

**Whereas** the City of Kingston has an Active Transportation Master Plan that advances cycling infrastructure AND promotes education and awareness regarding safe use of bicycles throughout the City; and

**Whereas** cycling is a safe and reasonable health and wellness activity with benefits for all residents of the City of Kingston as part of an active lifestyle; and

**Whereas** supporting cycling in general 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 3<sup>rd</sup> as World Bicycle Day; and

**Whereas** cycling and bicycles, by activity and imagery, are universally recognized as indicators of a progressive community.

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the week of May 31 to June 7, 2024 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 29th day of May, 2024

  
Bryan Paterson  
Mayor

