



IDENTIFYING, ADVOCATING AND ACTING ON NEIGHBOURHOOD CONCERNS
IN ORDER TO ENHANCE MOORE PARK.

May 16, 2011

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong,
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Suite C55
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Minnan-Wong,

I am writing on behalf of the Moore Park Residents' Association ("MPRA") to express the support in principle to an integrated network of bicycle lanes throughout the city. In particular, we support the initiative to provide a continuous network of bicycle roads separated from traffic. We believe that a well thought out and planned interconnecting bicycle lane system, designed with comprehensive consultation with the citizens of Toronto can have a tremendously positive impact on Toronto.

I understand that other groups petitioned the City last summer, through the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee of Toronto City Council ("PWIC"). It was supported at PWIC by the Toronto Cyclists Union, the Queens Quay Neighbourhood Association, The University of Toronto Graduate Student's Union, the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and the ABC (Yorkville) Residents Association and the York Quay Neighbourhood Association.

What was proposed was:

Two east west lanes:

1. Harbord - Wellesley from Parliament to Ossington;
2. Richmond Street from Bathurst to Parliament.

and

Two north south lanes:

1. Starting at Prince Arthur on St George/Beverley to John Street connecting to new bicycle lanes on Simcoe, via the Richmond Street bicycle lanes, to the Lake;
2. Sherbourne Street from Elm Avenue in Rosedale just north of Bloor all the way to Queens Quay.

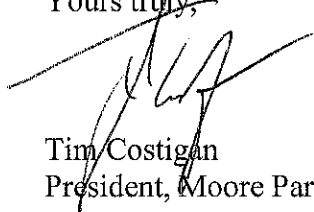
Both bicycle lanes would be on one side of these streets separated physically from vehicular traffic. These type of lanes proposed in a comprehensive interconnected system

are the type of bike lanes that the City should focus on creating rather than the unsuccessful creation of bike lanes on Jarvis Street, which we continue to oppose. Sherbourne Street is due for reconstruction in 2011 and 2013 and we see this plan as an opportunity to build a better road and bike lanes on Sherbourne when it is naturally up for renewal.

We encourage you to lead a comprehensive public review of our bike lane system with a view towards implementing your vision of a system of segregated lanes. It has been years since the "bike plan" has been updated and subject to comprehensive public consultation. We welcome the opportunity to participate in this process.

We believe the City can be a better place for bikes... and cars, when the planning and consultative process is thorough and thoughtful. In this type of system we can create a Sherbourne that is perfect for bicyclists and a Jarvis St. that works for cars. We welcome the opportunity to participate in this process and I personally would be happy to play a leadership role in making a new effective "bike plan" a reality.

Yours truly,



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