



Sudbury Cyclists Union

Submission to the Greater Sudbury 2019 Budget

The SCU is a grassroots organization formed in 2010. Our mission is to connect cyclists and improve Greater Sudbury's cycling culture. The SCU is a voice for cyclists of all ages and abilities and we work to promote safe and convenient cycling for everyone in Greater Sudbury. Our over 600 members are recreational and commuter cyclists. For some, cycling is a primary mode of transportation. For others, it's an occasional use. For many, it's something they would like to do more of if there were safer connections to trails already in place and safer cycling infrastructure on our roads.

The City of Greater Sudbury has been investing for a number of years in a safe and complete network of cycling routes in Greater Sudbury, and in supporting policies and programs that will get more people on their bikes. We thank you for this vision, and our priorities for 2019 are to continue this good work through continued capital and operational budget dollars that support cycling in Greater Sudbury.

Our priorities for the 2019 budget:

1. Cycling Infrastructure Capital

We need to continue to build on the great work that has begun to build a safe, connected, and convenient network of cycling infrastructure, that will connect all areas of Greater Sudbury, and will allow people to bike to their destination of choice.

Our priorities are those busy roads that are used by cyclists to get to work, school, shopping, parks, and other destinations. That means building a safe grid in a timely manner.

It is important that we continue to invest \$800,000/year in cycling infrastructure, especially since the provincial government has cancelled the Cap and Trade program, and specifically Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program funding. Many groups including the SCU are working on getting provincial funding for cycling infrastructure reinstated. In the interim, it is important that we continue to fund progress with municipal dollars.

We fully support the work that is being planned for the Paris/Notre Dame bikeway, and routes that are recommended in the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). We also look forward to seeing the final options for the Lasalle Corridor, and implementation timelines that coincide with the opening of Maley Drive.

The TMP however has some missing links and missing infrastructure on high-volume, high-speed roads that we'd like to see addressed. We look forward to opportunities to engage in reviewing the plan options and timelines with the City. The TMP's timelines indicate that a safe and complete network can only be completed in 15 to 20 years. We need to develop an action plan to more quickly implement that network and #buildthegrid.

We also recommend the development of a Trails Master Plan, that will define cycling standards for trails that are expected to serve cyclists. This plan is needed to identify short and long-term plans for connecting

existing trails, building new trails to provide safe off-road options and connections for our communities, and maintaining trails throughout the four seasons.

2. Policies, Plans and Programs That Support Active Transportation

Thank you for the recommendations that are currently being proposed for the 2019 budget, which include making the Active Transportation Coordinator a permanent position, and funding Complete Streets Guidelines.

Please also support a budget to implement the Transportation Demand Management Plan that Council approved in 2018. Without these dollars, we cannot move forward with strategies, including promoting Active Transportation, that will help reduce single-passenger car trips. Investing in Active Transportation results in savings in health care and long-term road maintenance costs, reductions in traffic congestion, increased road safety, and development of local tourism jobs. Investing in Active Transportation, and cycling, is good for the economy, for the environment, and for the health of Greater Sudbury residents. It is also an important strategy for dealing with climate change. \$50,000 is a small amount that will have a big impact.

We also look forward to seeing current plans and existing programs continue in 2019, in particular safe cycling courses, a new bicycle parking infrastructure program, continued road safety messaging and road safety enforcement, and support for community cycling programs, including kids bike exchanges. This is especially important for lower-income residents who rely heavily on Active Transportation and Transit.

3. Community Consultation

The Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel is not being renewed for this term of Council. This panel provided opportunities for staff and Council to hear community priorities for Active Transportation and Transit, and we recommended its renewal for 2018-2022. It is therefore now important that we build other opportunities for getting input from cycling stakeholders and leaders in the community. We look forward to the options that will be proposed to continue to involve the community in the planning and implementation of cycling infrastructure and programs in our city. Working collaboratively has resulted in some great accomplishment, including our receiving a Share the Road Coalition Bronze Bicycle Friendly Award in 2018.

Enclosed is the infographic that we sent to all 2018 municipal election candidates. It summarizes the accomplishments that we made together as a community in previous years, and the SCU goals for the 2018-2022 term of Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Niemela".

Rachelle Niemela
Chair, Sudbury Cyclists Union

2014-2018 CYCLING ACCOMPLISHMENTS



2018 WINNER!

» CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN IN THE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

5 YEAR FULL TIME ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR
CONTRACT «

» \$800,000/YEAR CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET
FOR NEW CYCLING INITIATIVES

COMPLETE STREETS POLICY THAT ENSURES NEEDS OF
ALL ROAD USERS ARE ADDRESSED IN ALL ROAD PROJECTS «

» TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH DIRECTIONS
/PROGRAMS TO REDUCE SINGLE-OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRAVEL

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT THAT IDENTIFIES
SAFETY CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED ON OUR ROADS «

- ❁ SOON TO BE IMPLEMENTED BICYCLE PARKING PROGRAM
- ❁ COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITY, COMMUNITY, AND GROUPS
- ❁ SIGNATURE EVENTS: SUDBURY BIKE MONTH, MAYOR'S RIDE, ONTARIO 150 CELEBRATE BY BIKE RIDE, AND MANY OTHERS
- ❁ \$1.6 MILLION FROM TWO DIFFERENT FUNDS (PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COMMUTER CYCLING FUND)
- ❁ CITY RECOGNIZED FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WORK, INVITED TO PRESENT AT SEVERAL PROVINCIAL EVENTS
- ❁ CITY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SAFE CYCLING: THE SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY ADVISORY PANEL, SAFE CYCLING COURSES AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CYCLISTS AND DRIVERS, KIDS BIKE EXCHANGES, HEALTHY KIDS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PROGRAMS, KIDS BIKE RODEOS, ETC.



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MOVING FORWARD

2018-2022 GOALS

MAKE THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR A FULL-TIME PERMANENT POSITION.

THIS POSITION IS FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE ROAD USERS. IT ENSURES THAT APPROPRIATE CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPLEMENTED ON OUR ROADS ACROSS THE CITY AND THAT POLICIES, PLANS, AND PROGRAMS ARE IN PLACE TO GUIDE TAXPAYER INVESTMENTS IN CYCLING ENHANCEMENTS.

CONTINUE TO FUND OUR CYCLING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

DEDICATED MUNICIPAL CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET TO RETROFIT ROADS THAT NEED SAFE CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND LOBBYING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING TO REPLACE THE DEFUNCT CAP AND TRADE CYCLING PROGRAMS.

FUND THE COMPLETE STREETS GUIDELINES.

IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES PROPOSED IN THE 2019 BUDGET BUSINESS CASE TO ENSURE THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR NEW COMPLETE STREETS POLICY.

FUND RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN.

IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIES PROPOSED IN THE 2019 BUDGET BUSINESS CASE AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE RECOMMENDED IN FUTURE YEARS.

QUICKER TIMELINES TO COMPLETE A SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, CONVENIENT, AND CONNECTED CYCLING ROUTE NETWORK.

COMPLETE A MINIMUM GRID OF SAFE CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL ALLOW EVERYONE WHO BIKES TO SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY GET TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO.

A TRAIL MASTER PLAN.

FUND A PLAN THAT WILL DEFINE CYCLING STANDARDS FOR TRAILS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO SERVE CYCLISTS, AND IDENTIFY SHORT AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR CONNECTING EXISTING TRAILS AND BUILDING NEW TRAILS TO CONNECT OUR COMMUNITIES.

CONTINUE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE COMMUNITY.

RENEW THE SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY ADVISORY PANEL, CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THE COMMUNITY TO OFFER CYCLING PROGRAMMING, AND CONTINUE TO DO COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT CYCLISTS.