

To: Chair and Members of the Planning and Development Committee

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Cc: Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk
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Re: Maple Avenue Cycling Facilities

Growth in our urban areas require our residents to have access to all forms of convenient, affordable and green transportation, including cycling, walking and transit.

Moving around our city should be easy and convenient no matter how our residents choose to travel. Maple Avenue is a wide thoroughfare, and carries less high volume traffic capacity than other major connector streets. It is a well-positioned opportunity to connect Plains Road, Fairview Street and Maplevue Mall to the lakefront and the downtown, as well as other options.

Enhanced cycling infrastructure, for example, including separated, two directional bike lanes with the potential of a bike share program at strategic locations creates an opportunity for Burlington residents and tourists to park elsewhere and actively transport themselves to many locations including Spencer Smith Park, Beachway Park, the downtown commercial area, or higher transit.

Enhanced cycling infrastructure is in alignment with the approved [Strategic Plan](#), specifically the strategic direction of: *“A City that Moves: People and goods move through the city more efficiently and safely. A variety of convenient, affordable and green forms of transportation that align with regional patterns are the norm. Walkability within new/transitioning neighbourhoods and the downtown are a reality.”*

This infrastructure is also in alignment with the strategic direction of: “A Healthy and Greener City: The City of Burlington is a leader in the stewardship of the environment while encouraging healthy lifestyles.

With the current Maple Avenue Area Road, curb, storm sewer, and watermain and water service replacement project currently underway, this is an opportune time to review enhanced infrastructure on Maple Avenue.

A safe, separate cycling lane also promotes improved health and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through the use of alternative modes of transportation.

As such, we are bringing the following direction forward:

Direct the Director of Transportation Services to carry out an assessment, including public consultation, of providing improved cycling facilities for Maple Avenue from Lakeshore Road to Fairview Street. This assessment may include the re-purposing or re-configuration of exiting vehicle lanes, for potential implementation following the completion of the QEW works to be undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation in the vicinity of the QEW/Northshore interchange and report back to the Planning and Development Committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

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