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December 8, 2023

**RE: Committee of the Whole Meeting, Dec 11, 2023 Item CNCL-23-132 Oshawa Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not-for-profit organization advocating for safe cycling throughout the Durham Region. We work closely with municipal active transportation committees who have the local knowledge of current issues and possible improvements to cycling infrastructure, including off-road trails.

It has come to our attention that council may be considering abandoning the Active Transportation Advisory Committee. We would suggest that such a move would be a step backwards in that the city would lose a valuable contributor to the decision-making process when it comes to the safety and wellbeing of all vulnerable road users.

Of additional concern is that the City of Oshawa has bronze status as a bicycle friendly community awarded by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition. One of the requisites for accreditation is that a municipality has an Active Transportation Advisory Committee. Not having one may affect the City's ability to maintain bronze status or upgrade to silver status.



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Although we understand there has been opportunities with volunteer recruitment and meeting frequencies, our recommendation would be to maintain an active transportation committee as a valued contributor to the City of Oshawa.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Lalonde".

Ron Lalonde  
Executive Director  
Durham Region Cycling Coalition