

SARNIA BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP REPORT SUMMARY



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How did this document come about?

On April 10, 2018, The City of Sarnia hosted a full-day Bicycle Friendly Communities Workshop and an evening Community Engagement Session. In total, more than 85 stakeholders, City Staff and community members contributed their expertise to help create a short-term, action oriented workplan for the City of Sarnia. This document highlights some of the key recommendations from the attached Workplan, including page numbers where more details can be found.

Priority Actions 2018-2020

- Establish a **Sarnia Active Transportation Committee** to guide future Active Transportation policies and programs (pg 6)
- Develop a **Short-term Cycling Infrastructure Implementation Strategy** to rapidly develop a complete network of safe cycling infrastructure through Sarnia (pg 8)
- Identify potential routes to be developed as **Neighbourhood Access Bikeways** (pg 9)



PRIORITY ACTIONS 2018-2020 CONTINUED

- Establish a **priority Winter Cycling Network** and establish clearly communicated winter maintenance standards for those routes (pg 10)
- Undertake a **Bike Parking Inventory** to identify gaps in your bike parking network (pg 11)
- Create a **Cycling Communications Strategy**, connecting with the various stakeholder who are already involved in cycling and ensuring that messaging is consistent, compatible and complimentary (pg 13)
- Undertake **Active School Travel Planning** at schools across the City (pg 18)
- Host **Bike Valet** at community events throughout Sarnia (pg 20)
- Create a **Cycling Education and Innovation Fund** to provide funding to community partners to develop new resources and supports for cycling (pg 24)
- Undertake a **Bike Share Feasibility Study** and issue an RFP for Bike Share providers (pg 28)
- Undertake a **review of current City Bylaws** as they relate to cycling and update them to be more in line with provincial best practices (pg 32)
- Create a **Cycling Evaluation Strategy** to track success of your cycling program (pg 34)
- Issue an **Annual Report Card on Sarnia's Cycling progress**, including updates across the 5 Es - Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation, to highlight how the City is progressing towards their goals. (pg 38)

A BICYCLE FRIENDLY VISION FOR SARNIA

With its flat topography, relatively compact urban form and strong existing support for cycling, Sarnia is well positioned to become a leader in Ontario with regards to cycling and active transportation.

With some key investments in new cycling infrastructure and programming, Sarnia could become a place:

- Where a majority of kids walk or bike to school
- Where people choose cycling for more short trips, reducing wear and tear on roadways and reducing congestion
- Where Cycle Tourists from Canada and the US visit with increased frequency
- Known for their support of healthy, sustainable transportation, helping to attract and retain new talent and new investment

