

Mr. Chair and Committee Members:

I write this letter in response to the report you have received from Civic Administration recommending amendments to your Transportation Advisory Committee's (TAC) Terms of Reference, in lieu of acknowledging the need for a dedicated Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC).

While Civic Administration has recommended several useful amendments to TAC's Terms of Reference, I am upset to learn that the calls from London's cycling community to form a CAC remain unheard. It is my belief that the proposed amendments to TAC's Terms of Reference will fail to provide a meaningful focus on issues related to cycling and other forms of active transportation in the way that the mandate of a dedicated advisory committee would.

Of greater concern, I am disappointed to read that Civic Administration has chosen not to acknowledge or integrate the amendments to TAC's terms of reference that we, upon the request of Civic Administration, provided as a committee. These were discussed and endorsed by our committee as part of TAC's December 3, 2013 agenda and can be referenced in our minutes.

In keeping with the spirit of my initial request of "implementing a Cycling Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Municipal Council specific to cycling issues" I ask that you provide direction to Civic Administration to work with interested members of TAC and the cycling community at large to pilot a CAC. In doing so, I also ask that you instruct Civic Administration to review the amendments that TAC has suggested to its own Terms of Reference and report back to you with an updated revision that takes these considerations into account.

Thank you for your time and support.

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