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The Bicycle Friendly Communities Program





Hamilton



Thunder Bay



Toronto, Ottawa



Report Card



WATERLOO IS A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



	Progress	Priorities for Improvement
Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong and growing network of bike infrastructure • Ample bike parking – great work on parking inventory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterloo needs to build new and innovative infrastructure such as Bike Boulevards and Protected Bike Lanes to encourage more people to ride.
Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong community outreach into elementary schools • Great offerings of cycling educational courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make education available to all levels of school • Expand City employee education efforts – create ambassadors for safe driving and cycling
Encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great attendance at Open Street events • Wide variety of groups and programs available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with community groups to expand Bike Month commuter challenge offerings • Investigate and launch a Bike Share system
Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong partnerships with VIPs for the Thumbs Up Campaign • Good local by laws protecting cyclists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand enforcement and educational blitzes beyond bike month – keep Thumbs Up going all year round
Behavior and Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent planning and policy documents related to cycling • Strong budgetary commitment to improvement • Good upcoming initiatives to measure cycling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mode share from 2011 is low for a Silver BFC • Tracking and measuring cycling will likely reveal stronger bicycle usage statistics

KEY STEPS TO GOLD

Approve and implement the proposed protected bike lanes along King Street – this can make that corridor an exemplary multi-modal street

Implement programs to better track the number of cyclists in Waterloo – judges felt that the mode share stated was likely much lower than actual usage

Introduce more educational programs aimed at middle and high school students

Consider launching a public bike share system.

For more information, visit www.sharetheroad.ca/bfc

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