| TO:     | CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017 |
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| FROM:   | CATHY SAUNDERS<br>CITY CLERK   |
| SUBJECT | ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER RECOGNITION                                      |

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, consideration of an appropriate means to recognize the contributions of Mr. Henk Ketelaars in the area of cycling BE DEFERRED until such time as a Cycling Awards program has been approved by the Municipal Council; it being noted that the development of a recommended Cycling Awards program is on the 2017 Work Plan of the Cycling Advisory Committee.

## PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Municipal Council, at its meeting held on August 22, 2017, resolved:

That "...the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to explore recognition opportunities for Mr H. Ketelaars' contributions in the area of cycling, and report back to the appropriate Standing Committee with what options might be available to the City."

At the present time, the City does not have an award to recognize specific individuals for their contributions in the area of cycling. At one time, the Municipal Council had established a "Bicycle Friendly Award", but that award was for "organizations or businesses who have contributed to making the City of London more bicycle friendly", and that award no longer exists.

The Cycling Advisory Committee currently has the following item on their 2017 Work Plan, which would ultimately result in a recommended award program for the Municipal Council to consider that would recognize the contributions of individuals in the area of cycling:

| Educational Initiatives and Recognition |  | • | Educational Opportunities |
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|   |  | • | Cycling based Conferences |
|   |  | • | Cycling Awards            |

It would be most appropriate to wait until a Cycling Awards program been recommended by the Cycling Advisory Committee, for consideration and approval by the Municipal Council, to determine if that would be the best alternative for the recognition proposed above, particularly as the Municipal Council has already tasked its Cycling Advisory Committee with this work.

The Municipal Council has been very fortunate over the years to have many citizens contribute to a wide variety of areas that benefit the community, through participation on Advisory Committees, and through other means. Clearly defined award programs are essential to ensuring a fair and inclusive means by which to recognize those individuals in a meaningful way.

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