

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2018</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>KELLY SCHERR, P.ENG., MBA, FEC MANAGING DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2018 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COMMUTER CYCLING (OMCC) PROGRAM</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2018 Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program:

- (a) the attached draft proposed by-law (Appendix A) **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held March 27, 2018 to:
  - i) authorize and approve the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program 2018 Application Declaration attached as Schedule A to the draft proposed by-law; and
  - ii) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Declaration authorized and approved in a) i) above;
- (b) the updated list of projects set out in Appendix B to this report **BE SUPPORTED** for application to the OMCC program; and
- (c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to take all necessary steps to submit the City of London application for OMCC funding.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Civic Works Committee – June 8, 2016 - London ON Bikes Draft Cycling Master Plan
- Civic Works Committee – September 7, 2016 - London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan
- Civic Works Committee – July 17, 2017 – 2017 Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program
- Civic Works Committee – February 21, 2018 – Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program Transfer Payment Agreement

## 2015-19 STRATEGIC PLAN

This report supports the objectives identified in the Strategic Plan by pursuing external funding to support the implementation of the London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan. London ON Bikes contributes to Building a Sustainable City – Convenient and Connected Mobility Choices, by implementing and enhancing safe mobility choices for cyclists. These goals are consistent with the OMCC program.

## BACKGROUND

Through the Province's Climate Change Action Plan, initiatives were identified to help municipalities reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. On May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017, the Government of Ontario introduced a four-year, cost-shared fund for municipalities to use for commuter cycling infrastructure programs. This is in addition to significant existing investments from previous Provincial and Federal Government funds. The City of London having completed the application process in 2017, was approved for \$3,303,752.26 in OMCC funding for fiscal year 2017/2018.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to execute the annual program participation declaration for Year 2 and to receive support for additions to the City of London projects list to be included in a program application.

### **Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program**

The OMCC is a multi-year program that supports cycling investments funded through cap and trade proceeds that meet short-term commuter cycling priorities that will help municipalities such as London to:

- i. Provide better cycling networks across the province by targeting routes where high-commuting volumes can be established; and,
- ii. Support the installation of cycling infrastructure that promotes safe cycling, such as grade separated routes as well as cycling signals.

Funding can cover costs associated with the design, implementation and construction work for new cycling projects. Projects must be identified in a cycling master plan. The City of London is well positioned for this program, having completed the London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan. Eligible projects include new commuter cycling infrastructure as well as enhancements to existing cycling routes to better support commuting cyclists. OMCC funding can cover up to 80% of costs for eligible projects, which can include costs associated with design/engineering, project management and construction. The approved capital budget includes sufficient funds to match the provincial funding.

While the program extends for four years, the City is able to choose to participate in the OMCC in any or all of the program years. The City has the opportunity to submit a request to update the approved project list semi-annually in future funding years.

OMCC funding levels are a function of a municipality's population, census commuting cycling mode share and Ontario's cap and trade revenues. Funds not used in one funding year can be carried over to be used in subsequent funding years provided

projects are completed by December 30, 2020. OMCC funds and associated interest must be kept in a dedicated account and reported on annually.

Funding will be provided to participating municipalities after provision of a 2018 enabling bylaw and execution of a transfer payment agreement.

### **Project List Update**

Appendix B provides the listing of City projects and associated preliminary estimated costs for the four-year Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program. Projects in bold font are new additions to the list submitted with the 2017 application. The new projects are added to increase available opportunities given the larger than anticipated Year 1 funding and to maximize the City's potential future allocation. The proposed projects are consistent with the recommendations in London's recently completed London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan.

The OMCC program will result in an increased rate of cycling infrastructure spending and construction, placing the City in an excellent position to meet or exceed the short-term infrastructure goals of the Cycling Master Plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

The OMCC program goal is to increase cycling appeal for commuting and frequent trips. This program can help London expand its cycling network, support environmentally friendly and healthy transportation choices and obtain the mode share targets set out in the Smart Moves Transportation Master Plan. Continued participation in the OMCC program will accelerate the cycling projects identified in the London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan.

The completion of the London ON Bikes Cycling Master Plan positioned London well for OMCC eligibility. The City of London was approved for an OMCC allocation of \$3,303,752.26 from the Province for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Municipalities must pass an enabling bylaw that commits municipal funding and identifies eligible projects on an annual basis to participate in the program. The approval requested in this report will enable London participation in Year 2 of the OMCC program.

**Acknowledgements**

This report was prepared with the input of staff in the Transportation Planning & Design, and Environmental Programs and Parks Planning Divisions.

<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>CONCURRED BY:</b>
<b>DOUG MACRAE, P.ENG. DIVISION MANAGER TRANSPORTATION PLANNING &amp; DESIGN</b>	<b>EDWARD SOLDO, P.ENG. DIRECTOR, ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>	
<b>KELLY SCHERR, P.ENG., MBA, FEC MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER</b>	

Appendix A: Proposed By-law with 2018 Application Declaration  
Appendix B: Updated Proposed OMCC Application Project List

- c: Cycling Advisory Committee  
Jay Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste  
Andrew Macpherson, Manager, Environmental and Parks Planning  
Janice Verhaegie, Financial Business Administrator

## Appendix A

Bill No.  
2018

By-law No.

A by-law to authorize and approve the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program 2018 Application Declaration and to authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the Declaration.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has introduced a program to promote commuter cycling in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to seek funding through the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program, which requires the approval and execution of the 2018 Application Declaration;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. The Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program 2018 Application Declaration attached hereto as Schedule A is hereby authorized and approved;
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the OMCC Program 2018 Application Declaration authorized and approved in section 1, above.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council , 2018

Matt Brown  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – March 27, 2018  
Second Reading – March 27, 2018  
Third Reading – March 27, 2018

**Schedule A**

**Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program  
2018 Application Declaration  
Municipalities with a Population of 15,000 or Greater**

The Corporation of the City of London declares that it will participate in the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) for 2018 and requests funding to support the commuter cycling projects listed in this document.

The Corporation of the City of London declares that all the commuter cycling projects listed in this document and that use OMCC funding meet OMCC program requirements.

The Corporation of the City of London declares that it has a council approved cycling plan available at <http://www.london.ca/residents/Environment/EAs/Pages/London-on-Bikes.aspx> and that all projects submitted in this application for consideration for OMCC funding are supported by this plan.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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MATT BROWN  
MAYOR

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CATHARINE SAUNDERS  
CLERK

**Appendix B  
Proposed OMCC Application Projects**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Potential Start Date</b>	<b>Estimated OMCC Eligible Costs</b>
Adelaide Street South Bike Lanes	Extension of new buffered bike lanes.	From Southdale Road East to Osgoode Drive	01-June-18	\$225,000
Thames Valley Parkway, North Branch Gap	New Multiuse path with two bridges across the Thames River.	Richmond Street to Adelaide Street	10-Nov-18	\$6,500,000
Lambeth Centennial Park Bridge & Pathway Rehabilitation	Bridge rehabilitation	Centennial Park	30-May-18	\$775,000
Thames Valley Parkway Rehabilitation	Pavement rehabilitation on North Branch	2A Grosvenor Street to 1250 Richmond Street North	07-May-18	\$500,000
Adelaide Street North Boulevard Path Improvements	Renewal & upgrades of in boulevard facilities and intersection crossings.	South of Kipps Lane to Windermere Road	01-Jun-18	\$800,000
Cheapside Street Bike Lanes	Construction of new bike lanes	Richmond Street to Adelaide Street	01-Jun-19	\$2,000,000
Improvements to bicycle detection at traffic signals and permanent bike counters	Traffic signal upgrades and cyclist counters	Various signalized intersections within the City of London	01-Jun-18	\$400,000
Egerton Street Bike Lanes	Construction of new Bike Lanes	From Dundas Street to <b>Pond Mills Road</b>	01-Jun-18	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
Downtown West Bike Parking Facility	Addition of new commuter bicycle parking	West side of downtown London (near Covent Garden Market & Bud Gardens)	01-Sept-18	\$500,000
North Commuter Area Bike Parking	Addition of new commuter bicycle parking	One or two locations to serve cyclists combined with major transit stations	01-Sept-18	\$100,000
Cheapside Street Bike Lanes	Construction of new bike lanes	From Sandford Street to Clarke Road	01-Jun-18	\$900,000

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Oxford Street West Boulevard Path Improvements	Renewal & upgrades of in boulevard facilities and intersection crossings.	Hyde Park Road to Wonderland Road North	01-Jun-19	\$1,000,000
Sarnia Road Bike Lanes	Construction of new linear cycling facility	from Sleighholme to Coombs Avenue	01-Jun-19	\$750,000
Colborne Street Bike Lanes	Construction of new bike lane	Horton Street to Grey Street	01-Jun-19	\$400,000
<b>Ridout Street Bike Lane</b>	<b>Bike lanes</b>	<b>Commissioners Road</b>	<b>01-Jun-19</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>
Trafalgar Street Bike Lanes	Bike lanes	From Hale Street to Highbury Ave	01-Jun-19	\$350,000
<b>Highbury Avenue North</b>	<b>Paved Shoulders</b>	<b>Blackwell Boulevard to Sunningdale Road</b>	<b>01-Jun-19</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
South Commuter Area Bike Parking	Addition of new commuter bicycle parking	One or two locations to serve cyclists combined with major transit stations	01-Sept-19	\$100,000
Downtown East Bike Parking Facility	Addition of new commuter bicycle parking	East side of downtown London (Wellington & King)	01-Sept-19	\$500,000
Colborne Street Bike Lanes	Bike lanes	Dufferin Ave to Oxford Street	01-Jun-20	\$800,000
Fanshawe Park Road Boulevard Path Improvements	Renewal and upgrades of in boulevard facilities and intersection crossings.	East of Wonderland Street North to Adelaide Street North	01-Jun-20	\$2,000,000
Hale Street Bike Lanes	Bike lanes	From Trafalgar Street to Dundas Street	01-Jun-20	\$900,000
<b>Kilally Road</b>	<b>Paved Shoulders</b>	<b>Webster to Sanford Street</b>	<b>01-Jun-20</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Adelaide Street North</b>	<b>Boulevard Cycling Facility</b>	<b>Kipps Lane to Huron Street</b>	<b>01-Jun-20</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>
<b>Sandford Street</b>	<b>Bike Lanes</b>	<b>Huron Street to Kilally Road</b>	<b>01-Jun-20</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Wavell Street</b>	<b>Bike Lanes</b>	<b>Hale Street to Spruce Street</b>	<b>01-Jun-20</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

\* bold font denotes a new entry added in 2018