

## **St. John's City Council Supports Development of National Cycling Strategy**

Whereas cycling provides important environmental, social and economic benefits, including a healthier lifestyle, reduced road traffic and lower greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas all residents of St. John's, regardless of age, ability, gender, economic status or location, should be able to avail themselves of the benefits of cycling;

Whereas the landscape of St. John's and Canada provides a unique opportunity to encourage cycling tourism;

Whereas the development of cycling infrastructure has shown significant and positive effects on local economies and has demonstrated significant overall return on investment;

And whereas a national cycling strategy would promote research, create common national standards, help create infrastructure projects and establish a clear framework for investment in order to support and increase all types of cycling in Canada, including commuter, tourism and recreational cycling;

The City of St. John's calls on Canada's Minister of Transport in collaboration with the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change and in consultation with ministers responsible for health, infrastructure, sport, communities; as well as representatives of the provincial and territorial governments responsible for those matters including Ministers of Transportation and Works, Health and Community Services, Municipal Affairs and Environment, and Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation; municipalities, Aboriginal communities, cycling organizations, businesses representatives from the cycling industry and other stakeholders interested in cycling, to develop and implement a national cycling strategy.

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