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Welcome to Cycle Toronto's Ring & Post newsletter, your guide to Toronto cycling news.

*At right: Riders on Harbord Street, May 2014  
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## About Us

We are Toronto's largest member-based cycling advocacy organization working toward creating safer streets. The more people we represent, the more power we have in creating a safe cycling city. Please [join Cycle Toronto](#) to make Toronto a better place to ride, and save money with [member discounts](#) around the city.

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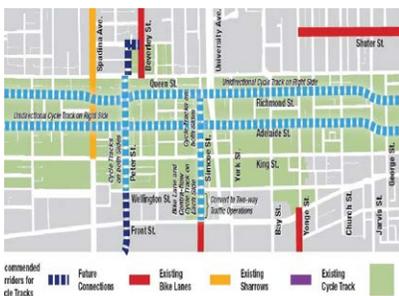
## People who ride bicycles in Toronto have hearts of gold

The City of Toronto was awarded a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community Award in 2012 for achievement in the areas of Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Education and Evaluation. In April 2015, the City was awarded Gold for progress made over the last 3 years. Share The Road makes these awards

## Platinum Business Members

based on the [League of American Bicyclists Awards program](#).

Jared Kolb, Executive Director of Cycle Toronto, wrote members [this letter](#) in response.



Map of the proposed pilot project infrastructure network

### Project Update: Extend Richmond Adelaide!

We've learned that the City is preparing to bring a proposal forward this June to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee (PWIC) to consider extending the pilot project for protected lanes on Richmond St & Adelaide St to Parliament St. Read more [here](#) and stay tuned for more!



Current painted lanes on lower Yonge St

### Protecting Lower Yonge St

Upgrades to cycling infrastructure should be baked into the development approvals process. When sites are up for redevelopment, cycling infrastructure should be upgraded in tandem. While we've begun to see this with bike parking, on street infrastructure upgrades still require advocacy work. Our staff and volunteers worked hard with City staff and elected officials to ensure that the bike lanes on Lower Yonge St are upgraded to protected bike lanes upon redevelopment. A special thanks to Councillor Pam McConnell for [moving the motion](#) at City Council!



Check out the Bike Month Event Calendar!

### Bike Month is May 25-June 25: post events now and spread the word!

Planning an event soon? Bike Month is just around the corner, and we have just the place to promote your events! [BikeMonth.ca](#) has everything: art shows, scavenger hunts, film nights, parades, bike rodeos, cupcake rides, and oh so many others. The [online calendar](#) will remain open for submissions but you'll need to post your event before May 1 to appear in the Toronto Bike Month print calendar.

We're kicking off Bike Month on May 25 with the annual [Bike to Work Day Group Commute & Pancake Breakfast at Nathan Phillips Square](#). Starting May 1, if you sign up to ride for Bike to Work Day, you'll be entered to win a Norco City Glide 3 commuter bike, and you'll get another entry for every person you recruit! Follow us on Twitter [@BikeMonth](#) and on our NEW [Facebook](#) page!

**Students, parents, teachers -**





Bike to School Day Group Commute to Nathan Phillips Square! Photo credit: David Keogh

## let's get rolling with Bike to School Week (May 25-29, 2015)!

For the first time, schools and stakeholders across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area are joining in to celebrate Bike Month! Visit the [Bike to School Week page](#) to register a school event and to find poster templates, lesson plans and other resources. Locally, we are thrilled to

announce that the Toronto District School Board has officially declared May 25-29 as Bike to School Week and will be promoting it throughout the system. This is a major expansion for Bike Month, and a new opportunity for parents and students across Toronto to help make our city more bike-friendly for riders of all ages.

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## Annual General Meeting Recap

On Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30pm Cycle Toronto hosted our Annual General Meeting at Round in Kensington Market! With over 130 people in attendance, members heard about some of our successes over the past year, including 200+ bike month events, 28 Bike Valet events, Bill#31, protected lanes on Richmond/Adelaide and more. We also voted in 5 new members to our Board of Directors - Congratulations Rob Tarantino, John Taranu, Sylvia Slaughter, Alex Cheesman and Jesse Moses!

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our amazing team AGM of volunteers!

Read more about our AGM [here!](#) Read our full Annual Report [here!](#)

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## We're Hiring! Event Coordinators & Operations Coordinators wanted

Want to join our team? WE'RE HIRING! Cycle Toronto is currently hiring four Event Coordinators & and four Operations Coordinators for our summer season! These are part-time, paid positions which will be overseeing the logistics of our events & Bike Valets from April to October. Check out the full [job postings](#) on our website for more info! Applications close April 17 at 12pm.



Leslie St construction signage

## Ward advocacy in action!

Construction sites in Toronto can be hazardous for cyclists. We've worked hard to improve safety for cyclists in construction zones. We're thrilled with the work of our Ward 30 Bikes group who worked with the TTC to develop new

signage to guide cyclists through the Leslie St construction zone. Kudos to Brandon, Sylvia and the Ward 30 Bikes team! Make sure to follow their work on [Twitter!](#)

## Encourage your coworkers to cycle with a Street Smarts Workshop

Spring is upon us and it's the perfect time to start biking to work! Help build a community of cyclists at your workplace by offering one of our Street Smarts Workshops! Learn about safe cycling, how to ride to the office, biking in wet and cold weather, basic and advanced bike maintenance, or how to fix a flat tire. Read more about the 6 workshops we offer on our [website](#).



Exploring the West Toronto Rail Path

### Toronto on Two Wheels: Volunteer and RIDE with us!

New to cycling in Toronto? Want to learn more about our city's bike infrastructure from the seat of your own bike? Come join us for a special edition of our Bikewatch Volunteer Training: Toronto on Two Wheels! We're taking to the streets to

explore our city in a fun and informative group ride, led by Executive Director, Jared Kolb.

Applications for our next training session in the evening of Thurs May 7 are due Fri May 1 at noon and can be emailed to [rebecca.thorpe@cycleto.ca](mailto:rebecca.thorpe@cycleto.ca). More information about the Training session can be found here [here](#).



Come see Jared ride into the Lake!

### Join us for our April Social: Jared Rides into the Lake!

Join us for our [April Social](#) on April 30th, where Jared rides into Lake Ontario, thanks to your generous support at our AGM! He's hitting the water at 6:00 PM sharp! We'll continue the festivities by heading to the nearby Mill St. Brew Pub

where we have a reservation at 7:00 PM.

Please RSVP [mark.romeril@cycleto.ca](mailto:mark.romeril@cycleto.ca) or on our [facebook event](#) if you are attending this portion of the night so we can get an idea of numbers for the reservation.

## Be a Bike Host mentor this summer!

Bike Host matches up newcomers to Toronto, who are open to cycling, with more established residents who ride regularly. It's a fantastic opportunity to share your love of cycling, while building skills in cross-cultural communication, event planning and civic engagement. Mentor orientation and training is coming up on Saturday May 9 (west end) and Monday May 11 (east end). Pre-registration is necessary - visit the [website](#) for more information and follow the links from there.

**A great rate for Cycle Toronto members from our Gold Business Member: Zipcar**



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Get wheels when you want them with Zipcar, the world's largest car-sharing service. Simply reserve cars by the hour or day and we'll cover your gas and

insurance. Like Cycle Toronto, we want to redefine the way people think about transportation and make more room for cyclists on our streets. Each Zipcar takes 15 personally-owned vehicles off the road, and we have over 10,000 cars spread across 470 cities! **Cycle Toronto members can join Zipcar for just \$40 (regularly \$70) for their first year and receive \$35 in driving credit using [this link!](#)** (a one-time \$30 application fee applies).



Congratulations to our March Magic winner, Cynthia!

### March Magic Membership Drive: Winner!

Congratulations, Cynthia - winner of the March Membership Magic bike from [Trek Bicycles](#) and [Cycle Solutions](#)! Cynthia gifted her prize to her good friend Dave, was bikeless and unhappy about it. She described Dave as someone who does countless favours and never asks for anything in return. What a heartwarming gesture - cycling is one of life's greatest gifts!

### Cycling in the news

Check out these recent news stories on cycling in Toronto:

- [5 quick fixes to bring cycling into the 21st century](#) (NOW Toronto)
- [Province to invest \\$25M in making Ont. more cycling-friendly](#) (CP24)
- [Why a Minimum Grid?](#) (NOW Toronto)
- [Toronto cyclists are feeling the construction crunch](#) (Metro News)
- [Navigating the relationship between cyclists and drivers in Toronto](#) (Global News)

### Upcoming events

**Thurs April 30** - April Social: Jared Rides into the Lake! Cherry Beach, 6pm / Mill St. Brew Pub 7pm

**Thurs May 7** - Toronto on Two Wheels: Bikewatch Volunteer training session, CSI Annex, 720 Bathurst St, Mtg rm #6, 5:30-8:00PM

**Mon May 25** - Bike to Work Day / First Day of Bike Month!

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