



Join Cycle Toronto / Follow us on Twitter & Instagram / Like us on Facebook

ring & post

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

At right: Over 1,000 people joined us for the Bike to Work Day Commute & Pancake Breakfast served at NPS by Mayor John Tory & Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat
photo credit: David Keogh



June 2015

1. **Protect the Lives of the People Who Ride**
2. **Project Update: PWIC unanimously approves extension of pilot Richmond Adelaide cycle track to Parliament!**
3. **Bike to Work Day recap**
4. **Bike to School Week engages thousands of children and youth**
5. **Cycle Toronto now 3,000 members strong**
6. **Join in June & you could win a bike!**
7. **Toronto on Two Wheels: Volunteer and RIDE with us!**
8. **Platinum Business Member Profile - MEC Toronto**
9. **Ward Advocacy in Action**
10. **Cycling in the News**
11. **Upcoming Events**

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.

Share This



Were you forwarded this email by a friend? Sign up for our newsletter by clicking [here!](#)

Protect the Lives of the People Who Ride

Torontonians should not have to risk their lives when they go for a bicycle ride. It was with that spirit that we organized our die-in at City Hall, in response to the 3 people riding bicycles killed in the last few weeks. We called on Mayor Tory and



Toronto City Council to adopt a strong Vision Zero policy, build the Minimum Grid and **boost cycling's budget from \$8 million to \$20 million**. A special thank you to the

250 people who attended our die-in at City Hall. [Here's what Mayor Tory had to say](#). Click [here](#) to make a donation to support our campaign and stay tuned for more.

Project Update: PWIC Unanimously Approves Extension of Pilot Richmond Adelaide Cycle Track to Parliament!

Good news! Later this summer, the cycle tracks on Richmond & Adelaide could be extended to Parliament. We were copied on over 150 submissions to members of Public Works & Infrastructure Committee supporting the extension of the Richmond Adelaide cycle track to Parliament as well as upgrading existing painted lanes on Simcoe, Shuter and River to protected bike lanes. Cycle Toronto Executive Director Jared Kolb made a presentation on behalf of Cycle Toronto at last week's meeting of PWIC and we were thrilled when Councillor Jaye Robinson moved our recommendations. **The proposal passed unanimously!**

It's now onto the July meeting of City Council. If approved, we'll see the extension of the Richmond Adelaide cycle tracks in late summer and a report back in September about the upgrades to Simcoe, Shuter and River.



Mayor John Tory & Executive Director Jared Kolb with Bike Month Proclamation

Bike to Work Day recap

We kicked off another fantastic Bike Month right with Bike to Work Day! Thousands joined the annual Group Commute & Pancake Breakfast at Nathan Phillips Square, including Mayor John Tory who served pancakes with Chief Planner Jennifer Keesmaat, and delivered the Bike Month proclamation which included "building a city wide network of protected bike lanes and trails to enhance cycling opportunities in our communities". Check out our [facebook album](#) for more photos.

More than 2,500 people signed up to ride for our Bike to Work Day contest this year across the GTHA in partnership with Smart Commute. We are pleased to announce the winner of this contest and

Platinum Business Members

**MCLEISH
ORLANDO**

CRITICAL INJURY LAWYERS™





Rena Robinson, winner of the BTWD contest & a sweet new ride!

recipient of the Norco City Glide 3: Rena Robinson! Rena is a retired kindergarten teacher who lives in Ancaster and almost gave up cycling until the SoBi Hamilton bikes inspired her to start riding again. Now she's hooked and considers herself an avid cyclist once again.

Congratulations, Rena and thanks to our prize sponsor, Norco Bicycles!

Bike Month is organized by Cycle Toronto and supported locally by the City of Toronto, Live Green Toronto, CP24, McLeish Orlando, Smart Commute, Bike Share Toronto, St. Lawrence Market, Jet Fuel Coffee, NOW Magazine, VIA Rail, and Norco Bicycles.



Dewson PS Bike Rodeo

Bike to School Week engages thousands of children and youth

Schools have reported back and the numbers are impressive - over 11,000 Toronto students at 65 Toronto schools participated in events for Bike to School Week this spring. That's a 10-fold jump from last year! Our [Bike to School Project](#) worked closely with Smart Commute to launch Bike to School Week across the

Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, while strengthening collaboration with the Toronto District School Board. "More parents are seeing cycling as a viable option for getting their kids to school instead of driving," said Carol Limoges from Norseman School in Etobicoke. "Our event helped to make both bicycles and helmets accessible to children who would not otherwise have access to them," said Marcela Saitua, a parent at Parkdale Jr. & Sr. PS. "The installation of bike racks for the 2015-2016 school will encourage more staff and students to ride," said Matt Sturgeon, a teacher at West Hill CI in Scarborough. "We hope the development of the Pan-Am Path and designated lanes in and around school will become a priority for the City of Toronto."

Cycle Toronto now 3,000 members strong!

For the first time in our history, Cycle Toronto now has over 3,000 members! With the generous support of thousands of people like you, we've been able to grow into the leading bicycle advocacy group in the city. This milestone wouldn't have been possible without our board of directors, our seasonal contract staff and the over two hundred volunteers in both the [Ward Advocacy](#) and [Bike Watch](#) programs. A big thank you also goes out to our small but dedicated team of staff, both past and present, for their tireless work. We're excited about the possibilities for 2015 and beyond - and we sincerely hope you'll continue to support us along the way.

Join in June & you could win a bike!

WIN THIS BIKE!



JOIN NOW

Join in June for a chance to win this Kona Dew from Sweet Pete's Bikes!

--- FULL DETAILS BELOW ---

Join in June & you could win this bike!

Join Cycle Toronto or renew your membership from June 1st to June 30th, and your name will be entered into a draw for a beautiful Kona Dew from [Sweet Pete's Bike Shop](#). Joining Cycle Toronto means supporting our advocacy work to make a more bicycle-friendly Toronto. It also gives you access to great [member benefits](#) across the city! Huge thanks to Sweet Pete's Bike Shop for donating the Kona Dew. Check out any three of their locations, in Bloordale, the Annex, and at the Brickworks.



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 Thursday July 9 are due Friday July 3 at noon and can be emailed to rebecca.thorpe@cycleto.ca. For more information about what to expect, check out the event on our [website](#).



Platinum Business Member: MEC Toronto Store

Platinum Business Member Profile - MEC Toronto Store

Our bike shop can provide any repair from minor service, like installing fenders, to a deluxe overhaul. If you're not sure what kind of work your bike needs, bring it in for a safety inspection. Our mechanics will inspect it, consult with you, and if it needs service, determine the best package value for your bike's condition. Please visit events.mec.ca for information on bike maintenance clinics, meet-up rides, MEC Bikefest Toronto, MEC Outdoor Nation - Toronto, and MEC Century Rides.

Ward Advocacy in Action

Ward groups in the downtown west-end are collaborating with other community groups to dial up the courtesy, and dial down the aggression on streets around Davenport and Bloor West Village. The project was created

when **DIGIN** organizer Donna Cowan reached out to representatives in Cycle Toronto Wards **13**, **14**, and **18**. Their work has crossed ward boundaries, and has led to discussions with local Business Improvement Areas, Resident's Associations and Toronto Police Services. You can read more about their **Street Safety Initiative**. Thanks for the great work in the community.

Cycling in the news

Check out these recent news stories on cycling:

- **Group holds silent mass protest at City Hall after recent cyclist deaths (CP24)**
- **Positive city report may see Adelaide, Richmond bike lanes extended east (Toronto Star)**
- **Bike Month: Riders gush on why they love their wheels (Toronto Star)**
- **Richmond, Adelaide bike lanes see tripling of cyclist traffic (CBC News)**
- **Ghost bike marks death of Toronto architect Roger du Toit (Metro News)**
- **Ontario Passes Legislation to Improve Road Safety (Ontario Newsroom)**
- **Greenwood Secondary School launches a bike club taking students around Toronto (Toronto Star)**

Upcoming Events

Fri June 26 - **Bike Valet at Creative Mornings with Yvonne Bambrick** - 32 Atlantic Ave. 8am-10:30am

Fri June 26 - **Rolling Through the 6** - CSI Regent Park. 5-9:30pm

Sun June 28 - **Bike Valet powered by the DYBIA & Pride Toronto** - Joey's Laneway, Eaton Centre. 5-8pm

Thurs July 9 - **Toronto on Two Wheels Volunteer Orientation** - CSI Bathurst. 5:30-7:30pm

Having trouble viewing this e-mail? See it online by clicking [here](#).