

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Loy, Steve and Brian:

Cycling Facility on Highway 7 (Town Centre to Sciberras)

On behalf of Markham's Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC), I wish to extend our thanks for your recent work in establishing the nature of the cycling facility on this stretch of Highway 7. As you know, Steve Collins presented the final plan – an off-street separated cycling facility ("cycle track") - to CPAC on October 17, 2013, and this was endorsed by CPAC. The same concept was presented to Markham Development Services Committee on October 22 and endorsed by that committee.

We are very impressed with the Region's evolution over the past 5 years in moving from on-street bike lanes ("one size fits all") to the current "Designing Great Streets: Context Sensitive Solutions" approach. Highway 7 clearly fits into the Urban Centre typology, which specifies cycle track. Markham is also very pleased to be a showcase for likely the first cycle track on a regional road in York.

As outlined in Steve's presentation, significant effort remains to complete the design and resolve all details. We are pleased that the Region will continue to coordinate with CPAC and Markham staff on facility design. We will be in touch with Steve and Shawn Dillon periodically to ensure all stakeholders are up to speed and that consensus is reached on these details.

Yours truly,

David Rawcliffe, Chair

cc. Steve Collins, Shawn Dillon