

## **Bicycle Bylaw Update – High Traffic Corridors**

### **ISSUE**

This report presents the findings of consultation with the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to identify the high traffic corridors within their boundaries related to restricting cycling on sidewalks.

### **BACKGROUND**

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on February 24, 2020, considered the Bicycle Bylaw Update – Proposed Revisions – February 2020 report and resolved, in part:

- “3. That the Administration consult with the affected areas to come up with the high traffic corridors within BIDs related to restricting cycling on sidewalks and report back to SPC on Transportation prior to bringing forward the bylaw.”

### **CURRENT STATUS**

Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw currently prohibits cycling on sidewalks unless the sidewalk is designated as a shared-use pathway. The current practice is to not ticket children under the age of 12 pursuant to provincial legislation, but no age limit is clearly included in the existing bylaw.

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on February 24, 2020, resolved that children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

The Administration invited each BID to meet to discuss and identify high pedestrian traffic corridors in BID areas.

An in-person meeting was held with the Downtown BID. Phone discussions were held with the Broadway BID, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street BID, Riversdale BID and the Sutherland BID.

Each BID was asked their opinion on which corridors they consider to be the high traffic pedestrian corridors in their respective BID areas.

Written responses from the BIDs are included in Appendix 1. The following is a summary of the responses from each BID.

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Area	Identified High Traffic Corridors
33 <sup>rd</sup> Street BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 33<sup>rd</sup> Street</li></ul>
Broadway BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Broadway Avenue</li></ul>
Downtown BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Spadina Crescent to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Remai Modern to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street</li><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Spadina Crescent to 24<sup>th</sup> Street</li><li>• Sidewalk along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of TCU Place during events/concerts/conventions</li><li>• Sidewalks in front of hotels/restaurants often have a lot of come-and-go traffic which could lead to conflict with pedestrians and cyclists – various locations throughout the district</li></ul>
Riversdale BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did not identify a high traffic corridor within the BID, but did restate their request that cyclists are not permitted on the sidewalk in the commercial areas of the BID.</li></ul>
Sutherland BID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Central Avenue</li><li>• Gray Avenue (to a lesser extent)</li></ul>

### OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Legal implications that deal with the enforceability were not reviewed. Social implications, outside of safety, were not reviewed. Environmental benefits gained by increasing active transportation have not been quantified.

### NEXT STEPS

The City Solicitor has prepared the amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw and will provide this for consideration to City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting scheduled for May 25, 2020. A communications plan will be ready for implementation following adoption of any updates to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw.

### APPENDICES

1. Written Submissions from Business Improvement Districts

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