



November 15, 2024

Dear Deputy Clerk,

We understand that the Transportation Working Group will be sharing a report with Orillia city council on Monday outlining the city's opposition to the Province's recent decision on bike lanes.

This will be accompanied by a motion as follows:

Transportation and Parking Working Group - re Request for Council support regarding provincial oversight of bike lanes.
File: T08-GEN

THAT, further to the correspondence dated November 1, 2024 from the City of Orillia Transportation and Parking Working Group, Council provide correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation to oppose the provisions contained in Bill 212 - *Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act*, 2024 regarding restrictions to municipal bike lane placement as being counter to:

- best practices in transportation management;
- climate change initiatives;
- cost management for future infrastructure maintenance;
- development goals contained within Bill 185, and
- economic benefits to businesses;

AND THAT the correspondence further request the provincial government to consider investing in funding public transportation goals to reduce traffic congestion and aide future developments to be built with less parking;

AND THAT the correspondence include support for the resolution dated September 24, 2024 from the City of Guelph;

AND THAT the correspondence be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation's online comment tool found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9265>, by the November 20,



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2024 comment deadline, and copied to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education and Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North.

[241030 TPWG Ltr re Support re Bikes Lanes](#)

As President of Sustainable Orillia, I am writing on behalf of this local non-profit to express the support for this motion. We represent the opinion of a large sector of the community who wish to ensure that sustainability is part of all decisions being made by government and the stance of the provincial government vis-à-vis bicycle transportation is clearly not working to further the sustainability of our province.

Please consider this letter a demonstration of the support of the above motion on the part of Sustainable Orillia.

Sincerely,

Sarah Patterson
President, Sustainable Orillia