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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE,
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TO THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Re: Unionville Cycling Club Deputation;
Item 10.2 - Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) Minutes – February 20, 2020,
July 16, 2020 and August 6, 2020 (16.34)

I am the President of the Unionville Cycling Club, a not-for profit corporation which has been in existence since March 31st, 2009 (the “UCC”). The purposes of the UCC, as codified in its constitution, include: (a) encouraging bicycling for health, recreation and transportation; (b) promoting bicycle safety; and (c) promoting equal road rights for cyclists.



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The UCC has long maintained that the City **needs to do more** to create a safe cycling environment, not only for its own “cycling” residents, but also for cyclists who ride in, and/or pass through, Markham. For **these reasons, the UCC supports the recommendation from the July 16th, 2020 CPAC meeting, which has been presented to the Committee. As a long-time resident of Unionville (32 years) and an avid cyclist, I personally endorse the recommendation as well.**

More must also be done to create a safe cycling environment on all regional roads and the UCC calls upon the Mayor and City Council to collaborate with Regional Council to implement measures designed to make regional roads safer for cyclists. More bike lanes are needed not only on interior City roads and arteries, but also on regional roads. Thousands of cyclists regularly cycle north and south along Warden, Kennedy, McCowan and Markham (Hwy. 48) as well as east and west along Major Mackenzie, Elgin Mills and 19th Avenue. **Making these and other similar roads as safe as possible for cyclists has to be a priority for the City. Strategies and policies, such as “Vision Zero”, which have been adopted by other municipalities in Canada and other parts of the world in order to create a safer cycling environment, must be examined by the City and the Region, adapted as required and implemented.**

Finally, as one who has cycled over 48,000 kilometers in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, I can attest to the need for greater public education on cycling safety in Markham as well as the Region. **Educating the public on cycling safety is an effective way to reduce cycling accidents and fatalities.**

Cycling as a recreational sport is booming and will continue to grow. As Markham grows (and it is growing rapidly), so must Markham’s vision and planning for a safe cycling environment.

Respectfully yours,

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