Authority:

Item 5, Public Works Committee

Report 08-007 (PW08045)

CM: April 23, 2008

Bill No. 078

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 08-078

To Authorize the Receipt of Funding from Metrolinx to enhance the links between active transportation and public transit through the provision of safe and secure bike storage and the expansion of the

bike/bus rack program.

WHEREAS at their August 24, 2007 meeting, the GTTA (now Metrolinx) Board

approved a GTHA wide "quick win" project for Bicycle Promotion Initiatives,

known as BikeLinx, for the municipalities of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton

Area (GTHA);

AND WHEREAS in a letter dated March 31, 2008, attached to this By-law as

Schedule A, the Metrolinx Board provided the City of Hamilton with funds in the

amount of \$190,987, subject to an authorizing by-law being received no later

than April 30, 2008;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The City of Hamilton is authorized to receive a payment of \$190,987 from

Metrolinx as committed at their August 24, 2007 meeting for the provision

of safe and secure bike storage and the expansion of the bike/bus rack

program.

2. The payment of \$190,987 shall be:

- (a) used to purchase and install bicycle racks on buses (\$24,000) as well as secure and safe bicycle parking as defined by Metrolinx (\$166,987);
- (b) deducted, in full or in part, from future provincial transit funding allocations, if the City of Hamilton is found not to be in compliance with the terms outlined by Metrolinx in the letter attached as Schedule A.
- 3. This By-law shall come into force on the day it is passed and enacted.

PASSED and ENACTED this 23rd day of April, 2008.

Fred Eisenberger

Mayor

Kevin C. Christenson

City Clerk



Office of the Chair Rob MacIsaac 416-874-5903 Rob.MacIsaac@metrolinx.com

March 31, 2008

Fred Eisenburger, Mayor Office of the Mayor City of Hamilton 77 James St. North Suite 230 Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2K3

Dear Mayor Risenburger:

We accept your request for bicycle related infrastructure funding. I am pleased to advise you that the City of Hamilton has been approved by Metrolinx to receive \$190,987 through the Metrolinx BikeLinx Program to enhance the links between active transportation and public transit. Specifically, the funds are to be used to purchase and install bicycle racks on buses (\$24,000) as well as secure and safe bicycle parking (\$166,987).

Metrolinx requests that a municipal by-law be enacted and received no later than April 30, 2008 to reaffirm the funding amount noted above will be:

- Used to purchase and install bicycle racks on buses as well as secure and safe bicycle parking as defined by Metrolinx (please see Appendix A for definitions of eligible expenses); and
- Deducted, in full or in part, from future provincial transit funding allocations, if the municipality is found to not be in compliance with the terms set out above.

The funds are required to be placed in a dedicated, interest-bearing account until they are to be used.

After the funds have been expended, Metrolinx requests that a final report be produced and delivered to Metrolinx on how the funds were used, including the number of racks and storage spaces installed.

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Please note that the province reserves the right to verify any information submitted, to audit that information for completeness and accuracy, and to ensure that funds were used for the purposes intended.

Metrolinx requests the right to develop joint communications products and collaborative branding for the bicycle infrastructure funded under this program. We will be in contact with you in the near future to discuss these opportunities.

Please note GO Transit has indicated a willingness to assist municipalities in identifying locations for installation of municipal bicycle parking infrastructure in the vicinity of their stations. To pursue this further, I recommend your staff contact Jennifer Niece of GO Transit (416-869-3600 ext. 5460).

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter by signing and returning the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter to:

Director of Corporate Services Metrolinx 20 Bay Street, Suite 901 Toronto, Ontario M5J 2N8

We wish the City of Hamilton much success in its endeavours. If you have any questions regarding the Metrolinx BikeLinx Program, please contact Mark Ciavarro at (416) 874-5929 or Mark Ciavarro@metrolinx.com.

Yours truly,

Rob MacIsaac

Chair

Encl.

c: W. Michael Fenn – CEO, Metrolinx
Jim Bradley – Minister, Ministry of Transportation
Bruce McCuaig - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation
Paul Shaker – Advisor, Rural and Urban Affairs
Scott Stewart – General Manager, Public Works
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APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS / ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

BICYCLE RACKS ON BUSES:

Bicycle carrying rack to be installed on municipal transit vehicles. Devices typically carry two bicycles and are front mounted.

SECURE AND SHELTERED BICYCLE PARKING:

Permanent, sheltered, safe and secure parking for bicycles, integrated with municipal and regional transit. Lockers should be placed at strategic locations such as major municipal and inter-regional transit facilities, and/or mobility hubs. Storage spaces may include lockers, (which should have the provision to be operated in the future by a forthcoming smart card system), or other permanently-affixed storage which provides safe (either highly visible, in line of sight of attendant, or monitored by CCTV) and sheltered parking for bicycles.