

Report to Council



Date: May 10, 2021
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Bicycle Friendly Communities Award
Department: Integrated Transportation

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Integrated Transportation Department dated May 10th, 2021, regarding the Bicycle Friendly Community designation for the City of Kelowna.

Purpose:

To accept the Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition.

Background:

The Bicycle Friendly Communities Award Program helps communities evaluate the bicycle-friendliness of their community, celebrate progress, and work towards improvement over time. The award program was launched by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition in Canada in August 2010 in partnership with the League of American Bicyclists. The program was launched for the first time in western Canada last year. Kelowna is the first BC community to be awarded this designation.

Discussion:

The City is pleased to accept this award from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition designating Kelowna as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the bronze level. The award recognizes the significant efforts made in Kelowna over many years to fill the gaps in our bicycle network and adopt bicycle-friendly policies in various City plans and bylaws. As part of this award, the Share the Road Cycling Coalition has provided



Figure 1 Ethel and Sutherland is the first intersection where two protected bike lanes meet in Kelowna.

the *Bicycle Friendly Communities Kelowna Feedback Report (Attachment 1)* which includes suggestions and recommendations for how Kelowna can continue to support travel by bicycle for people of all ages and abilities within our community. This third-party review provides staff with an objective look at what the City is doing well and where we can focus our efforts to improve, in support of our on-going journey to become more bicycle-friendly as we grow.

Next Steps:

Staff will install four Bicycle Friendly Community branded bicycle racks and two Bicycle Friendly Community signs at key locations along the City's growing bicycle network. Staff will also review the *Bicycle Friendly Communities Kelowna Feedback Report* and seek to incorporate the recommendations, as appropriate, into our ongoing efforts.

Internal Circulation:

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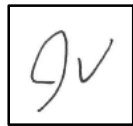
Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:
Existing Policy:
Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments:

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Attachment 1 – Presentation Slides – Bicycle Friendly Communities Award
Attachment 2 – Bicycle Friendly Communities - Feedback Report

cc: Deputy City Manager
Divisional Director, Corporate and Protective Services
Divisional Director, Corporate Strategic Services
Divisional Director, Financial Services
Divisional Director, Infrastructure
Divisional Director, Partnership & Investments