

York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Wins Second National Award

June 17, 2008 – The Regional Municipality of York and a consulting team led by the MMM Group have been selected by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) for their 2007 Sustainable Urban Transportation award for the Region of York Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan – Towards a More Sustainable Region. This year TAC selected two winners for this particular award. The other winner was the City of Welland for the Welland Hydro LED Streetlight Conversion Program.

This is the second national award for the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, having already won the Canadian Institute of Planners 2007 award for Planning Excellence in the category of Transportation and Infrastructure. The award will be presented to York Region and MMM in Toronto at the TAC Annual Conference on September 22, 2008.

MMM Group, in association with Michael Haynes (Go for Green) and Decima Harris Research, were retained by the Region of York in 2006 to develop a Region-wide comprehensive Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP). It is intended to guide the Regional Municipality of York as it works with local municipalities, conservation authorities and other stakeholders over the next 25 years and beyond to implement a comprehensive and connected pedestrian system and on an off-road region-wide cycling network. In addition to identifying proposed infrastructure improvements, the PCMP includes a set of planning and design guidelines and supporting policies and suggested programs to promote walking and cycling in the Region. A key component of the PCMP is a comprehensive implementation strategy that identifies priorities and an annual infrastructure and program budget for each of the first ten years of the plan.

The PCMP was formally approved by York Regional Council in April of 2008 and implementation is already underway.



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