

## **Canadian Institute of Planners Awards the Regional Municipality of York and MMM Group with their 2008 Award for Planning Excellence in the Category of Transportation and Infrastructure**

May 22, 2008 – The Regional Municipality of York and a consulting team led by the MMM Group have been awarded a prestigious national award for planning excellence in the category of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Region of York Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan – Towards a More Sustainable Region. The award will be presented to Bryan Tuckey, the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services for York Region and Dave McLaughlin, a Senior Project Manager with MMM on July 15, 2008 in Winnipeg at the CIP Annual Conference.



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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