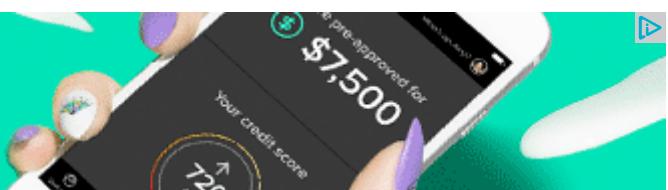


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### Council wants Cycling Master Plan updated

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City council unanimously passed a motion asking city staff to update the decade-old Cycling Master Plan with the intent of improving the plan in the Second Line and Great Northern Road area.

The motion, moved by Ward 3 Coun. Matthew Shoemaker was in direct response to a request by bike advocate Andre Riopel's concern that the area needs some multi-use path improvements.

"This is an active transportation issue," Riopel told city council.

He said while road and sidewalk improvements on the south side of Second Line and east of Great Northern Road are a welcome change he suggested that the north side of the road be updated to include a multi-lane path.

The path would be welcome by cyclists, by those using mobility devices and by the neighbourhoods in general.

"This area is still growing and need proper infrastructure for those not driving," he said. "This is becoming the prime commercial area of the city."

Earlier this spring, Riopel launched an online petition to gauge interest in encouraging the city to implement a multi-use path near the city's busiest intersection.

Riopel wants the city to consider a multi-use path at that intersection and north of Second Line.

Riopel argues that the city is already part way there with the existing plan to replace Second Line, between Old Garden River Road and Great Northern Road this summer with connecting link funding from the province. A paved b

path is a better option for cyclists and those in mobility devices, he said.

While the sidewalk would accommodate pedestrians, it wouldn't help the growing number of cyclists who want to ride their bikes in that area.

"They have no option but to share the roadway with vehicular traffic if no bicycle lane is constructed," Riopel, a member of the Sault Trails Advocacy Committee (STAC) said.

The city's current Cycling Master Plan does not identify Second Line or Great Northern Road as a primary cycling route.

Meanwhile, the city has also been looking at the reconstruction of Northern Avenue, from Pine Street to North Street and there may be a potential for three lanes with a cycling lane there along that east-west corridor, just a block removed for the busy Second Line-Great Northern Road intersection.

City staff have said they believe that route would be safer, with less vehicular traffic and traffic itself would be slower moving, he added.

The Cycling Master Plan ensures that design considerations are incorporated in all roads and destinations within the community to make it cycling friendly. The plan was updated in 2007 and recommends the consideration of paved shoulders and/or bike lanes on roads identified as a cycling route.

## This Week's Flyers

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