



Councillor Pam McConnell

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Dear Councillor Pam McConnell,

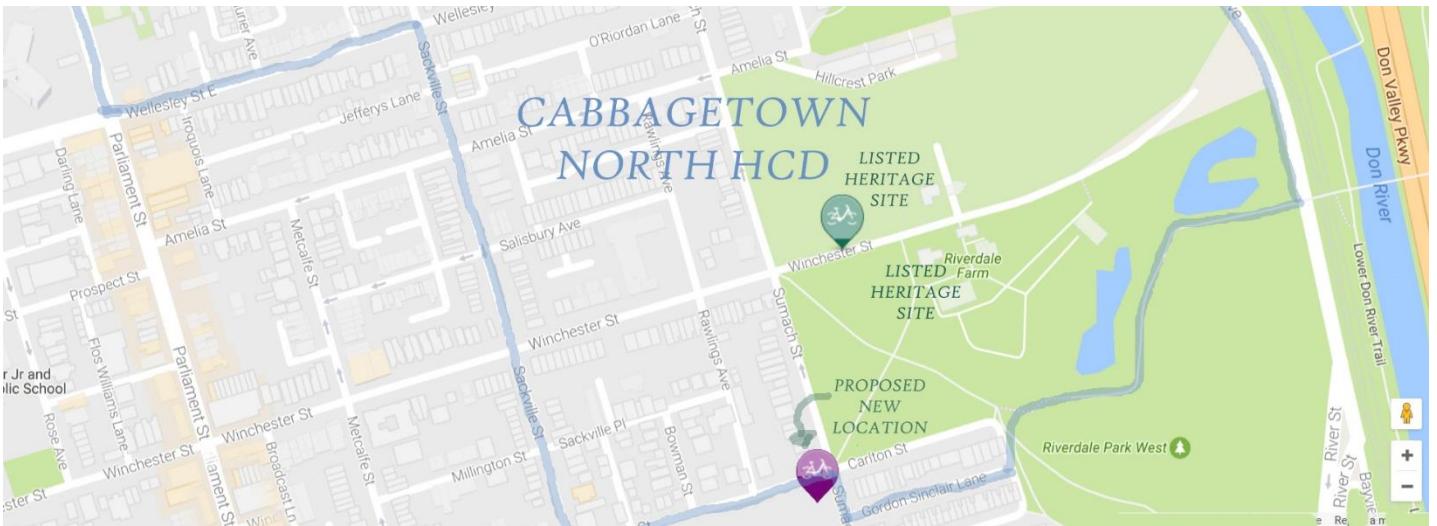
Recently our group, the Cabbagetown HCD Committee, met with Randy Brown, Executive Director of Friends of Riverdale Park West (FRPW) who shared their proposal to relocate the Bike Share unit currently located at the northwest side of Riverdale Park West.

There are several practical concerns that were brought forward that support the need to relocate the Bike Share unit, including its isolated location and unstable installation. Our heritage committee's primary concern lies with the negative impact the Bike Share unit has on the neighbouring heritage sites and its incompatibility with the character of the neighbourhood. We support the function of Bike Share, just not the current location.

The Bike Share unit has been installed within the Cabbagetown North Heritage Conservation District and is positioned adjacent to three notable sites that are Listed in the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties: 200 Winchester Street - Toronto Necropolis Chapel, 191 Winchester Street - Napier Simpson House (Replica of Francey Farmhouse), and 201 Winchester Street - Donnybrook Pavilion. Due to their very longstanding intrinsic value and connection to the HCD and the significant heritage asset which each represents on its own, it is important that the streetscape surrounding these heritage sites is managed in a manner to preserve the character, rhythm and overall setting. Please refer to Figure 1 for visual of siting.

We are disappointed that the Bike Share unit was installed within the Cabbagetown North HCD without any consultation with our committee nor any regard for the truly unique character the Cabbagetown North HCD presents. However, we are pleased to have identified a more suitable location no more than 50 meters away. Though this proposed new location falls within the Cabbagetown South HCD, it sits away from listed heritage properties and contributing elements.

FIGURE 1 – BIKE SHARE SITING



We propose that the Bike Share unit be relocated outside of the Cabbagetown North HCD, to the southwest end of Riverdale Park West next to Spruce Court Public School, specifically on the west side of Sumach Street and the south side of Carlton Street. Please refer to Figure 2 for street view visual. This new site suggestion positions the unit away from significant heritage sites, keeps the unit at reach for current bike users, and is supported by the Friends of Riverdale Park West (FRPW).

FIGURE 2 – STREET VIEW OF SUMACH ST & CARLTON ST



Please feel free to connect with me to discuss the issue further. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards,



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Chair,
Cabbagetown Heritage Conservation District Committee