The Corporation of the Town of Ajax **COUNCIL** 



Monday May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Town Hall 65 Harwood Avenue South

#### PRESENTATIONS

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    - ~ Doreen Alexander, Management Team and Past President of Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario
  - 4.3 June is Brain Injury Awareness Month ~ Linda Lowery, Chair, Heads Up! Durham
  - 4.5 National Access Awareness Week May 29 to June 4, 2016
    - ~ Marcia Bowen, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Chair
    - ~ Jennifer Harrison, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair

#### 4.7 June is Recreation & Parks Month

- ~ Shane Gumbs, Recreation Supervisor
- ~ Marnie Smith, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee Member
- ~ Rob Tyler-Morin, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee Member

#### 4.9 Bike Month

- ~ Bruce MacDonald, Durham Region Cycling Coalition
- ~ Derek Lee, Durham Region Cycling Coalition

#### 4.11 Home Week 2016

- ~ Joe Dickson, MPP, Ajax /Pickering, Founder of Ajax Home Week
- ~ Melany Kandiah Youth Volunteer
- ~ Hamayal Choudry, Youth Volunteers



### Proclamation of World Sickle Cell Day- June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Ajax

Presented to: Council Members, Town of Ajax

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

By: Ms. Doreen Alexander,

Management Executive and Board Member,

Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario

In Partnership with the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada/Association d'Anémie Falciforme du Canada

(SCDAC/AAFC)

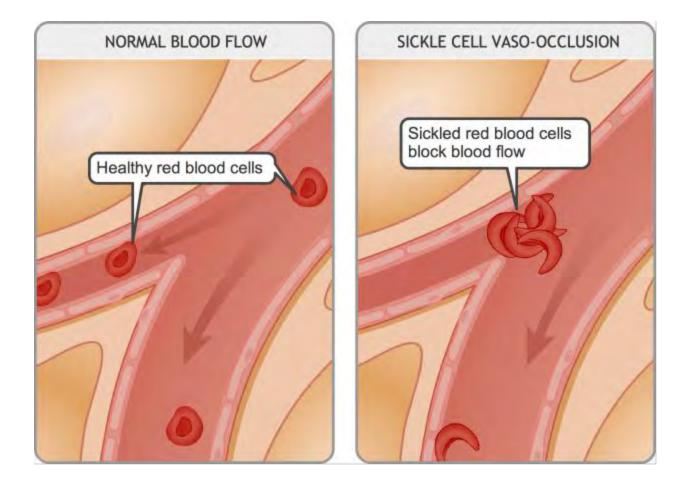




# What is Sickle Cell Disease

- Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a collective name for a series of serious inherited chronic conditions that can affect all systems of the body.
- It is one of the most common genetic conditions in the world. The percentage of people who are carriers of the sickle cell gene is as high as 25% in some regions of the world
- The life span of persons with these disorders can be reduced by as much as 30 years
- Of all hemoglobinopathies, sickle cell disease affects the largest number of patients approximating 250,000 out of about 300,000-400,000 children born annually worldwide with various hemoglobinopathies. The prevalence of this condition is of higher magnitude than other, wellresourced congenital conditions such as hemophilia or cystic fibrosis

# Sickle Cell Disease



# **About World Sickle Cell Day**

The World Health Organization (2006) and the United Nations (2008) recognized sickle cell disease as a public health priority and chose the 19 of June every year as the World Sickle Cell Day in order to raise awareness of the disease.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, sickle-cell anaemia affected nearly 100 million people throughout the world and, if not treated in its early stages, was often fatal. Indeed, it was the cause of death of more than 50 per cent of those who suffered from the most lethal form of the disease.

The World Health Organization (WHO), the UN's health arm, urges countries affected by sickle cell to establish health programs at the national level and promote access to medical services for people affected by the disease. Ref: http://www.un.org/press/en/2008/ga10803.doc.htm

# Sickle Cell Disease in Canada

Immigration is changing the face of these disorders in Canada. Approximately 2/3 of the 1% annual growth in Canada's population is due to net migration; 20% of the Canadian population is now foreign-born

Canadians affected by sickle cell disorders are both immigrants and Canadianborn with diverse ethnic backgrounds- African, Caribbean, Mediterranean, Middle East, South America, South Asia

It is one of the most common genetic conditions in Canada and affects approximately 5000 Canadians

Here in Canada, increased awareness and access to comprehensive care by knowledgeable health care professionals are still needed and the SCDAC/AAFC is doing its part in raising more awareness around the disease. National Bill S-211 seeks for Canada to recognize June 19<sup>th</sup> as WSCD

# Sickle Cell Disease in Ontario

- Approximately 2500 people in Ontario has sickle cell disease and 1 in 4 from certain ethnic communities carries the trait.
- Approximately 100 babies are born annually with the disease in Ontario
- Many carries of one form of the gene are unaware of their carrier status
- Majority of people affected by SCD reside in the GTA and in towns like Ajax
- Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) has the mandate to raise awareness of the disease across the province

# Proclaiming June 19<sup>th</sup> as WSCD in Ajax

- Highly diverse population in Ajax
- Proclamation of June 19 will increase awareness of and support for those affected by the disease in Ajax
- Proclamation of June 19 will encourage more people to get tested and know their sickle cell status. This may lead to reduced SCD births and healthier population



Ms. Tanya Williams

Executive Lead,

Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO)

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### HEADS UP! DURHAM

# A COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION WHOSE TIME HAS COME!!

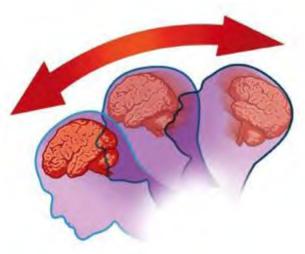


### St. Mike's Emerg OCTOBER 2008



### **October 23, 2008**





### What is Traumatic Brain Injury?:

TBI is "caused by a blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the function of the brain"

#### What is a Concussion?:

"A **brain injury** caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth...

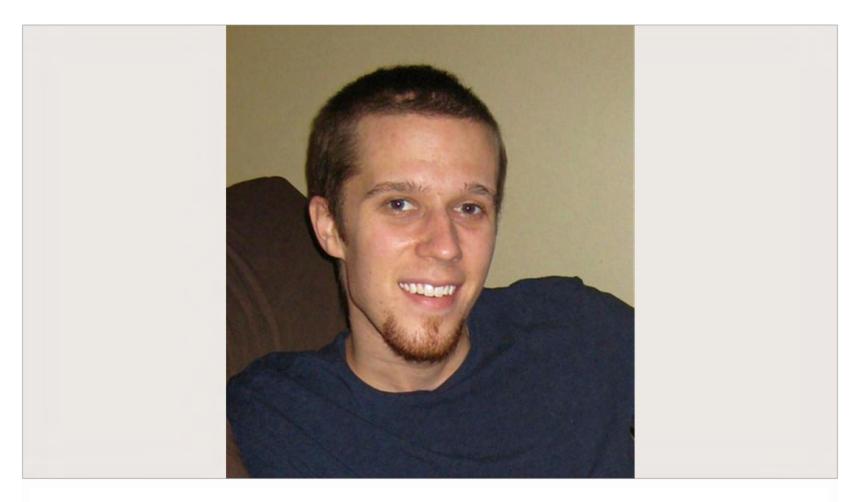
stretching and damaging the brain cells and creating chemical changes in the brain."

# **"Silent Epidemic":** Acquired brain injury (ABI) is:

- 15 times more common than spinal cord injury,
- 30 times more common than breast cancer and
- 400 times more common than HIV/AIDS.

### **Causes of Brain Injury Include:**

- \*Falls
- \*Automobile collisions
- Sports
- Pedestrians struck by motor vehicles
- Bicycle or recreational vehicle crashes
- Violence (assaults, gunshot wounds, domestic violence or child abuse)
- Explosive blasts and combat injuries.



### Home For Christmas 2008



### **HEADS UP! DURHAM!**

A COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION WHOSE TIME HAS COME!!

#### What is Community Mobilization?



### - A call to action.

- Helps communities to identify their own needs and to respond to and address these needs.
- Promotes consideration of the needs of specific populations and localities.
- A sense of **ownership** is crucial in building sustainability.



#### Vision:

### Durham Region:

a community where brain injury awareness, prevention and support is evident in all aspects of our lives as we learn, work and play.



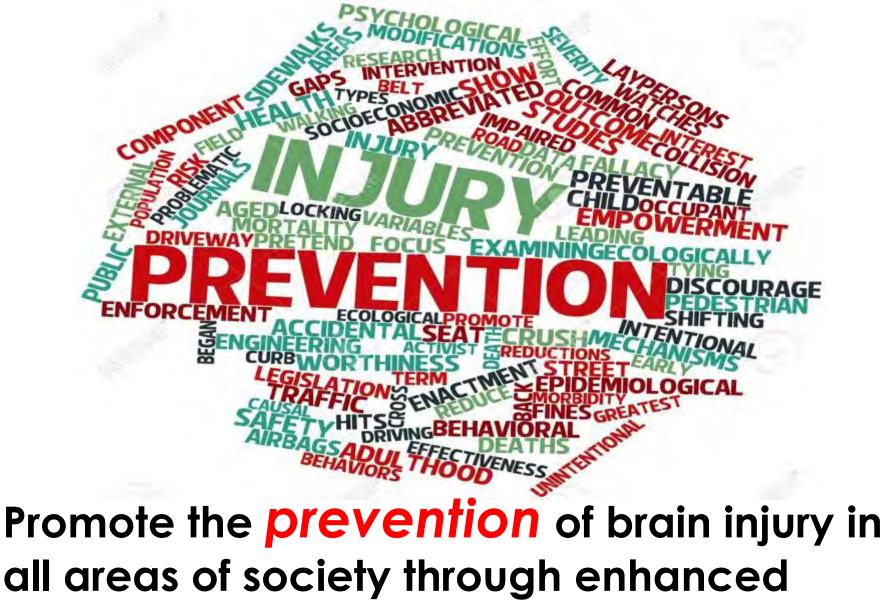
### Mission:



### To weave brain injury awareness, prevention, policy and support into the fiber of Durham Region society through community action.

### Goals:

Create an increased **awareness** of brain injury, and its widespread **Causes** and **effects**, by disseminating information to all citizens in Durham Region society through a multitude of channels.



communication, education, policy and enforcement.



### Enhance the **SUPPORT** provided to Durham Region citizens.

### **Steering Committee:**

Linda Lowery Consulting and Education Ted Dionne, Retired Staff Sgt., DRPS **Brain Injury Association of Durham Durham Regional Police Services Durham Region Health Department Durham District School Board** Whitby Fire and Emergency Services **Bartimaeus Rehab Services** McLeish Orlando Personal Injury Law Firm, TO Neuro Psychologist, Lakeridge Health Personal Injury Lawyer, Whitby **Ministry of Transportation Reg'l Mngr, March of Dimes** Supervisor, Community Solutions Ltd.



### Individuals/families or Corporations/Organizations

- **advocates** for Heads Up! Durham.
- help ensure **information** is being **shared and communicated**.
- help ensure the unique needs of their community are being addressed
- **identify support** for *Heads Up*! Durham.

## **Return to Sports:**



# **Return to Learn:**



# **Return to Life!:**







### Twitter: @HeadsUpDurham

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

### WWW.HEADSUPDURHAM.CA

### Facebook



### **COMMUNITY ACTION**

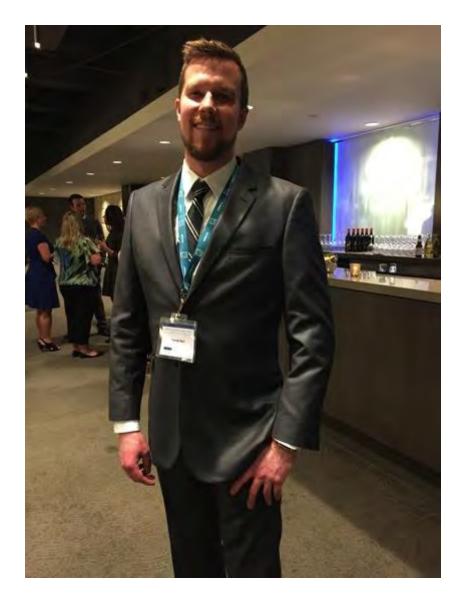
- Ganaraska Forest Horse Club AGM
- Clarington Recreational Hockey League and Newcastle Village Minor Hockey : concussion awareness and prevention
- Physician Education Fall 2016
- June: Brain Injury Awareness Month
- Go train initiative June 2/16
- 1 yr. anniversary event Fall 2016

Traumatic brain injury: A largely preventable tragedy.

Brain injury awareness and prevention: a shared responsibility.

Heads Up! Durham: A community mobilization whose time has come!





### Garrett 2016

# NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK MAY 29 — JUNE 4, 2016

Established in 1987, following Rick Hansen's 'Man in Motion Tour', the Town of Ajax recognizes National Access Awareness Week to promote awareness about disability, accessibility and inclusion in the community.

#### **KICK-OFF EVENT**

#### FREE TIFF Ajax Film Circuit screening of Infinitely Polar Bear & Talk with 'Wear Your Label' Co-Founder Kyle MacNevin

The film is based on a true story of a father with bipolar disorder raising his two young daughters; stars Mark Ruffalo & Zoe Saldana.

Friday, May 27, 2016 ~ 7 p.m. St. Francis Centre, 78 Church Street S.

#### **3rd ANNUAL ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS NIGHT**

- Meet members of the Ajax Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Learn about disabilities through hands-on activities and demos
- Free giveaways!
- Visit community organization & service information stations
- Check out the display on the history of disability
- Test your knowledge in the accessibility trivia challenge
- Complete your All-Access Pass for a chance to win an accessibility prize pack
- And much more!

Thursday, June 2, 2016 ~ 6-8 p.m. Ajax Public Library Main Branch, 55 Harwood Ave. S.

For more information on any of the above events, please visit www.ajax.ca, call 905-619-2529 ext. 3347 or email accessibility@ajax.ca.



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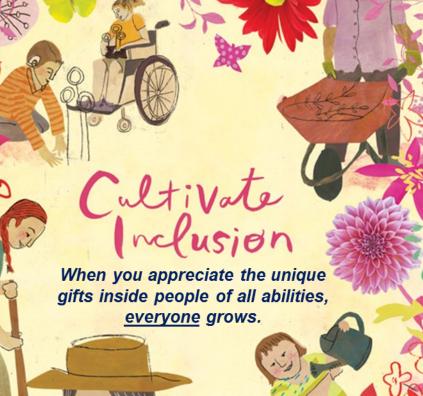


Image Source: Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

"AN ASSURED CROWD-PLEASER. AN IRRESISTIBLE DEBUT FOR WRITER-DIRECTOR MAYA FORBES." .Justin Chang. WAIETY
"MARK RUFFALO'S FINEST PERFORMANCE TO DATE." "MOVINGLY HEARTFELT AND FRESH."

> WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP A FAMILY TOGETHER

MARK RUFFALO

#### ZOE SALDANA

### INFINITELY POLAR BEAR



The Town of Ajax Accessibility Advisory Committee in Recognition of **National Access Awareness Week** May 29 — June 4, 2016

### FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016 — 7 P.M.

#### St. Francis Centre, 78 Church Street South, Ajax

Infinitely Polar Bear stars Mark Ruffalo as a loving husband and father struggling with manic depression, who is forced to raise his two young daughters on his own. Humour and heartbreak alike are on offer as we witness Cameron (Ruffalo) stumble in his attempts to be a good neighbour and engaged father while attending to his wildly varying moods and impulses. For every misstep, there is evidence of Cameron's fierce love. Inspired by writer-director Maya Forbes's own childhood experiences, this lovingly detailed, bittersweet inspirational drama careens between laughter and anxiety as it invites us into a singular family's chaotic home. Rated 14A (88 minutes).

Join us after the screening for a Q&A presentation by Kyle MacNevin, Chief Stigma Officer and Co-founder of 'Wear Your Label', a Canadian clothing company creating conversations about mental health.



#### Seating is limited. Reserve your FREE ticket online today at www.stfranciscentre.ca!

If you require accessible seating, please email accessibility@ajax.ca or call 905-619-2529 ext. 3347.

JUNE IS RECREATION & PARKS MONTH

# PLAY EVERY DAY!

*Celebrate active living in Ajax with FREE activities the whole family can enjoy!* 



#### #RecAndParksMonth

For additional information, visit the Calendar of Events on our website at ajax.ca.

See reverse for details.

Accessible formats available upon request.

# PLAY EVERY DAY!

#### Sun. June 5

#### Switch Skateboard Competition\*

1 to 4 p.m., Registration at 12:30 p.m. (helmets mandatory) Audley Recreation Centre Skate Park - 1955 Audley Rd. N. For more info. visit switchnow.ca; For children & youth 6 to 19yrs.

#### Thurs. June 9

#### **FREE Annual Seniors BBQ**

For Ajax residents 55 years and older 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rotary Park Pavilion - 177 Lake Driveway W. Getting to the BBQ is easy! Take the FREE shuttle! Visit ajax.ca for details.

#### **FREE Drama Workshop**

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. St. Francis Centre - 78 Church St. S. For children 5 to 12yrs. Space is limited. Pre-registration required using barcode 123167. Visit ajax.ca/connectatrec to register.

#### Sun. June 12 Ajax TRAILfest\*

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arbour Park - 55 Harwood Ave. S. Approx. 35 km Ride with the Mayor, 17 km Tour d'Ajax & 3 km Family Walk / Run & Stroll

#### Tues. June 14

#### FREE Swim (Sponsored by Joe Dickson, MPP)

FREE Public Swim: 7:10 to 8:30 p.m. McLean Community Centre - 95 Magill Dr. Admission Standards & Swimsuit Policy apply.

#### Thurs. June 16

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#### Sat. June 18 FREE Swims - Ajax Memorial Pool Opens\*\*

FREE Lane Swims: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 8 to 9 p.m. FREE Public Swims: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., 3 to 5 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m. Ajax Memorial Pool - 55 Harwood Ave. S. - 905-683-6581 Admission Standards & Swimsuit Policy apply.

#### Tues. June 21 FREE Step It Up Dance Class

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Audley Recreation Centre - 1955 Audley Rd. N. For children 6 to 12yrs. Space is limited. Pre-registration required using barcode 129682. All abilities welcomed. Visit ajax.ca/connectatrec to register.

#### Community Play Days - Calling All Families!\*\*

Join the Healthy Kids Squad and Town of Ajax Staff from 7 to 8 p.m. for a FREE, fun, social and active evening outdoors. Prizes and Giveaways!

June 1 - Cedar Park (Cedar St.) June 8 - Bolton C. Falby Park/School (Falby Crt.) June 15 - Central Park (Lawrence St.) June 22 - Monarch Mews (ACC Sports Fields) June 29 - Sundial Parkette (Formosa Ave./Turnerbury Ave.)



\*Requires pre-registration. \*\*Weather permitting.

# Durham Region Cycling Coalition



Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

www.durhamsafecycling.ca

# Who Are We?



- Founded in 2015, as a voice for the Region's 5 largest cycling club (1,500 active members), plus *countless* others cyclists from across the region...
  - Oshawa Cycling Club
  - Durham Mountain Bike Association
  - Durham Cycling Club
  - Clarington Cycling Club
  - Uxbridge Cycling Club
- Endorsed by the Region's 5 bike shops
  - Impala, Northern, Bicycle Plus, Cycle Life, Bay Cycle
- We supports all levels & types of cyclists
- Including the *thousands* of local *non-club* cyclists

# **Our Mandate**



- We are promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region, as an Active means of Transportation
- Why Cycling?
  - Health
  - Sustainability
  - Environmental zero impact
  - Economics
    - savings to health care system, plus less wear and tear to the infrastructure

# **Our Advice** (to other towns to start)



- Create an Active Transportation Committee
- Development or updating of cycling Plans (or what we call ACT plans)
- Close GAPs in municipality network
- Connection of transit, schools, parks, business hubs, recreational facilities, etc.
- Maintenance of cycling infrastructure
- Pushing for healthy citizens
- Pushing for healthy planet
- Keep improving, year after year...
- Does any of this happen to sound familiar? It should!

Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

# Town of Ajax



- First we want to thank the Town of Ajax for their leadership in promoting Safe Cycling throughout Durham Region over the years.
- So, on behalf of all <u>regional</u> cyclist...<u>thanks</u>!
- Whenever we speak across the Region, local cycles will say "did you see that cycling \_\_\_\_\_ in Ajax" or "that new sign in Ajax"
- We often speak of Ajax as having the best cycling infrastructure the region... (Ajax Photos)

# Town of Ajax



- Although <u>Ajax is our best...</u> there is a long way to go to catch Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver, Guelph, Hamilton, etc.
- But then, if you compare Ontario's best to almost anywhere in Europe, we will all need to recalibrate...
- So our simple advice... keep going, you are on the correct track.
- Let us know where we can help?

# Some Ajax photos we often use

### Signage and waypoints









## Bold Leadership...

## Following Standards











Connected network

# **Regional DRCC Initiatives**



- Push to close GAPs in cycling networks
- Better coordination between the Regional and Municipalities
- Improvements in funding of *key* Regionally based cycling networks (like York Region and other jurisdictions do). This may include regional support of Provincial & National routes like; the Waterfront Trail, GreenBelt Route and Trans Canada Trail
- Regional \$ support where local Municipalities that can not afford them - like the 3 rural communities

# **Regional DRCC Initiatives**



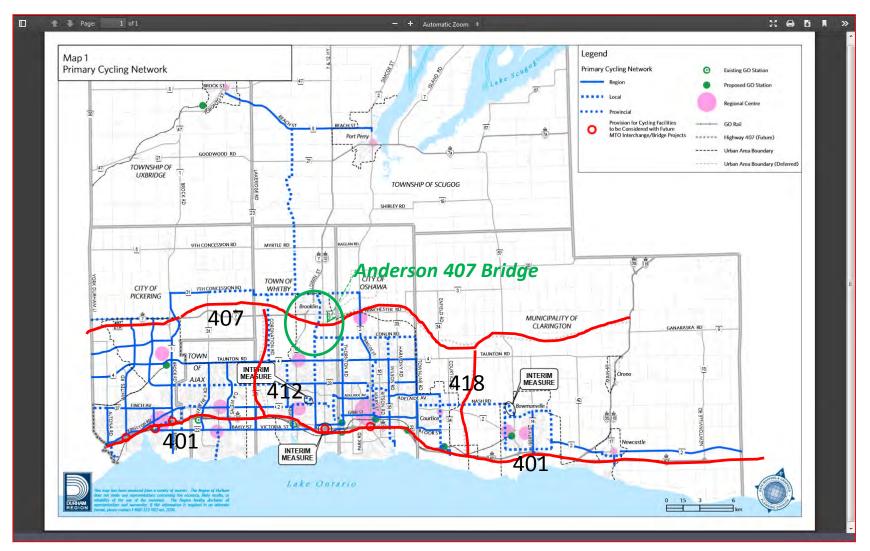
- Twinning WFT (or similar)
- Improving Trans Canada Trail
- Improving GreenBelt route across Region
- Connections between municipalities
- Connection between neighbouring Regions/municipalities like York, Toronto, Northumberland, etc.

# DRCC – current topics ...



- 407, 412 and 418...401 (provincial)
- Improving MTO roads (provincial)
- Creation of Cycle Tracks (where useful)
- Active Transportation tunnels as base design consideration for 401 widening (provincial)
- Bike box at intersections
- Better & <u>complete</u> E-W and N-S cycling routes (town/regional)
- Lights triggered by cyclists (regional)
- Add sharrows as cycling routes cross Regional roads within municipalities (like Harwood at Westney)

#### What efforts are Durham Region & Municipalities doing to maintain this Primary Cycling Network?



ONLY one cycle safe bridge over 401, 407, 412, 418(?) is Anderson... why?

www.durhamsafecycling.ca

# DRCC - other topics ...



- Education regarding cycling (adults, children, police, etc.)
- Mutual Respect regarding cyclists and drivers
- Regular reminder of the need for cyclist safety (e.g. the 1 meter law) via many multiple media sources.
- Mid block crossing at key active Transportation corridors (Regional)
- Pushing for implementation of vulnerability laws (Province)
- Better GO train station access for cyclists in the Region.
- ???? What are we missing ????

## We are all in this together...

- We do understand it can NOT all be done in 2016/17
- But we need to continue, for the health, safety and enjoyment of your citizens
- Thank you for the *invitation for the DRCC* to come speak to you
- Do you have any questions?



Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

www.durhamsafecycling.ca

## Visit Us at www.ajaxhomeweek.com



Joe Dickson FREE BBQ & Great Entertainment Sunday, June 12 at Ajax Downs – Bring the Kids

June 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

Fireworks, Police Helicopter, Music & Events

Ajax Waterfront Festival June 19th

Free entertainment till 8pm June 19<sup>th</sup> Best Durham free fireworks June 19<sup>th</sup> 10pm



Pictured above at the unveiling of the Pat Bayly bust is Councillor Pat Brown, Regional Councillor Colleen Jordan, MP Mark Holland, Mayor Steve Parish, a niece of Pat Bayly, Jill Waterbury, Regional Councillor Shaun Collier, Councillor Renrick Ashby (behind Marilyn Crawford), Councillor Marilyn Crawford, the artist Les Drysdale, Councillor Joanne Dies, and MPP Joe Dickson. The bust will be placed in the Pat Bayly Square on completion of construction.



Pictured above is the bronze bust of Benjamin de Forest (Pat) Bayly, created by Les Drysdale, acclaimed sculptor and art instructor, which will serve as a commemorative landmark and pay homage to the Town's history and development. The bust was unveiled in an official ceremony at the Town of Ajax on Sunday April 10, 2016.

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