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CBN Chair's Report for 2014 AGM

It's been a busy season so far this year! With the Toronto International Bike Show kicking things off February 28, it's been non-stop bicycle events for the last seven months. We started our season with our Open House May 1. This was an opportunity to celebrate our successes with the Toronto cycling community and to show off some of the programming we have in store for the year. We followed this by participating in Councillor Mike Layton's annual 'Bike with Mike' family event and then MEC's Bikefest. After that, we had three very successful Bike Tours. Two with Heritage Toronto and the other with LEAF. In terms of programming, our workshop series, including our popular Women Only series, have been going nicely. Similarly, we now have over 200 members and counting! Thank you to each and every one of you! CBN is a member-based organization and the community is what makes us who we are. We couldn't exist without you!

2014 Partnerships

This year, as well as partnering with Heritage Toronto with two boutique bike tours as part of their guided tour program, we also partnered with LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) to put on a bicycle tour of the urban forest.

Suffice to say that tour was a huge success! We had 35 people show up on a Saturday morning for a leisurely ride through downtown starting at Trinity Bellwoods Park, through the Annex and ending at Ramsden Park in Rosedale. Tour leader, Amanda Gomm was sensational and in fine form identifying and giving a fantastic lecture of some of the special trees found in our canopy. Be sure to sign up next year for the LEAF tour!

Moving Madness Fundraising Party

In light of the fact the CBN has to find a new home by the end of the year, we held a Moving Madness Fundraising Party Wednesday June 4th, at Round Venue in Kensington Market. There was a decent turnout and some very special speakers on hand. Former Liberal provincial transportation minister, Glen Murray, was present and said a few words highlighting the upcoming Liberal Transportation Plan which includes more

money for cycling services and infrastructure. Part of the purpose of the event was not only to raise money for CBN's eventual move, but to highlight the fact that we need to support the existing cycling infrastructure that we presently have including bricks and mortar organizations such as CBN. Oh, and we also raised some money for our eventual move.

Ogden JPS Partnership

This year CBN was proud to participate in Ogden JPS's Fun Fair, Friday June 20. This was an end of the year party for the kids to have some fun and let loose. CBN was on hand with a couple of bikes for the kids to ride around and to let off some steam. CBN's participation was in light of the fact that we would like to encourage and create future partnerships with schools to motivate the kids to ride bikes and to commute to school by bike if possible. This is one area for future funding proposals.

New Board Members

This summer, CBN was lucky to welcome several new board members. Scott Knight, Sasha Djurdjevic, Joshua Fernandes and Taodhg Burns have been hard at work helping CBN find a new home, helping out with outreach activities and volunteering in the shop. Board members are critical to our organization because we cannot do the work without them. Thank you to all of our board members!

R-Squared Business Member

A special thank you to our business member, R-Squared Espresso Bar for their support of CBN by becoming our first business member! By taking out a business membership with CBN, R-Squared receives a CBN workshop gift card for up to 5 employees (which are valid for any one of CBN's workshops) as well as up to 5 CBN memberships provided to their employees. It's been great to see R-Squared employees in CBN working on their bikes and enjoying our services at a discount. CBN Business Memberships are available at a reasonable cost and it is one way to grow partnerships within our community.

New Location

The search continues for a new home for CBN. We've had some offers and we are working on the details of a potential new space. If you know of a place or if you have any leads, please contact us. However, for the time being, or at least until Christmas, we are still going strong at 761 Queen Street West!

Thank You

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our membership and working members especially Derek Heyfron, who have supported us this year. By taking out a membership, you not only support the organization, but you are making a statement that you support

cycling and cycling issues in general. Also, a special thank you to our mechanic, Jerry Lee Miller, who has done an exceptional job of running the shop; doing repairs, signing up new members and making CBN the place that it is; a fantastic educational-retail environment that serves the needs of our community. Thank you Jerry-Lee. You are the backbone of CBN!

All the best.

Adrian Currie
CBN Board Chair.