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20 YEAR OLD COMMUNITY BICYCLE NETWORK BEING FORCED TO MOVE Calls on Community To Find New Home

Toronto, ON - September 27, 2012 - Community Bicycle Network (CBN), the non-profit organization dedicated to improving communities through cycling and recycling is in need of a new place to spin its wheels. The church on Queen Street West where Community Bicycle Network has been tucked away for the last number of years has been purchased by a developer and all tenants are required to leave as of December 31, 2012.

So far, the group has a few potential locations on the table but with the clock ticking, CBN is now calling on the city it has served for almost 20 years to help it find just the right place to set up shop. The need is for a 1000 sq ft space with a store front, preferably in an underserved community / priority neighbourhood in Toronto, accessible by walking, cycling, public transit and driving.

"Of course free-, subsidized- or below market rent would be a huge assist in keeping the organization on its feet, or ...ahem, on its wheels" said board member Eric Tchao.

Since 1993, both CBN staff mechanics and DIYers have repaired thousands of bicycles and diverted salvageable frames and parts from the landfill for reuse or recycling. "As a social enterprise CBN has played an important role over two decades in making cycling accessible to Torontonians and a new location will enable us to continue serving the community" commented board member Thomas Hasan.

The organization is asking anyone who knows of an available space that could suit CBN's needs to contact Board Chair Adrian Currie by phone on 416-504-2918 or email via info@communitybicyclenetwork.org.

For more information on Community Bicycle Network visit <http://www.communitybicyclenetwork.org/> or drop by the shop currently located at 761 Queen Street West.

ABOUT Community Bicycle Network: Founded in 1993 on the belief that bicycles are a powerful tool for positive change, CBN has a long history of serving the cycling community in Toronto, as well as improving all communities through recycling and affordable, clean transportation. CBN works to make cycling the most accessible form of transportation in Toronto, breaking down economic barriers while reducing smog and congestion. We repair bikes and also offer a great space for you to do-it-yourself, complete with tools, parts, and our expertise at affordable prices. You can rent a bike or trailer from us or take a workshop to learn new skills.