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COMMUNITY BICYCLE NETWORK AND HERITAGE TORONTO PARTNER TO OFFER HISTORICAL BIKE TOURS THIS SUMMER

TORONTO - June 12, 2013 - To celebrate 20 years of serving the cycling community in Toronto, the Community Bicycle Network has partnered with Heritage Toronto to offer historical bike tours of Toronto this summer.

"Heritage Toronto is very pleased to offer two new bicycle tours this year, and we are proud to be working with the Community Bicycle Network, on its 20th anniversary, to organize and promote those tours, " said Gary Miedema, Chief Historian and Associate Director of Heritage Toronto.

"Having developed and delivered five heritage rides in various Toronto neighbourhoods last year to great response, I'm delighted to have brought together Heritage Toronto and the Community Bicycle Network for two Heritage Bike Tours during Bike Month 2013", said Thomas Hasan of HeritageRides.ca and advisor to the Community Bicycle Network board.

This weekend's tour, being held Saturday, June 15, takes place on the Huron-Wendat Trail where new First Nations heritage plaques will be unveiled along a 5km portion of the 34.2km Finch hydro corridor trail opened in 2011. Space on the tour is limited and pre-registration is required. Participants can register at <http://huronwendatday-CBN.eventbrite.com>.

The first in the tour series, which was held last weekend on the Toronto Islands, was a great success. Local historian, Sally Gibson, author of the defining history, *More Than An Island* led a group of 50 eager cyclists to discover the Islands' role during the War of 1812, its lost amusement park and baseball stadium, its rich sailing history (including shipwrecks), and its transformation from sand-spit, to Toronto's first cottage country, to a manicured public park.

"With a rich history of its own, the Community Bicycle Network is proud to help integrate the bicycle as an engaging and enjoyable way to showcase the many hidden treasures of our city's history," says Community Bicycle Network's Board Chair, Adrian Currie.

The Community Bicycle Network was founded in 1993 on the belief that bicycles are a powerful tool for

positive change. With a long history of serving the cycling community in Toronto, the Community Bicycle Network works to make cycling the most accessible form of transportation in Toronto, breaking down economic barriers while reducing smog and congestion. The Community Bicycle Network offers popular workshops, expert bike repair, and a great space for do-it-yourself repairs, complete with tools, parts, and expertise at affordable prices. Bikes and trailers are also available for rent. For more information on Community Bicycle Network visit www.communitybicyclenetwork.org or drop by the shop located at 761 Queen Street West.

Heritage Toronto is a charitable arms-length agency of the City of Toronto established in 1949 to promote a greater appreciation for the city's rich architectural, cultural, archaeological and natural heritage. Through partnerships with local community groups and volunteers, Heritage Toronto provides city-wide programs and services.

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