

2017 09 03 email from John Van West re Alderlea Bike Rack

Hello everyone.

(I have copied Councillor Jeff Bowman on this e-mail.)

On August 29, 2017, Councillor Jeff Bowman and I had a discussion about a number of issues, including the matter of the placement of a bike stand in an accessible location on the property comprising the historic Alderlea estate. I informed Councillor Bowman that I had been advocating for such a stand since of the renovations at Alderlea commenced some years ago.

I informed Councillor Bowman that through the course of my advocacy with City of Brampton staff, I had been advised that the City was committed to having a bike stand installed on the property. In fact, City staff most recently informed me that not one but two permanent bike stands were scheduled to be installed at Alderlea. In the interim, I was told that staff would install a temporary bike stand on the property and that best efforts would be made to have the two permanent bike stands installed by "mid-June [2017]".

As of August 29, 2017, neither a temporary bike stand nor the two permanent bike stands had been installed at Alderlea and I conveyed this information to Councillor Bowman in passing, in my conversation with him about various other matters relating to Wards 3 and 4. Councillor Bowman expressed a sincere interest in following up on this issue. And he did follow up. **And he did so immediately.** He called me Friday September 1, 2017, and advised that he had personally walked over to the site, and effected the placement of a bike stand. He also informed me that he would follow up with his efforts to have signage removed on the Alderlea property that currently makes it illegal for any cyclist – young and old – to enter the property pursuant to Bylaw 161-83 (as posted on the signage - see attached photo).

Thank you so very much Councillor Bowman for your support and interest in promoting and supporting active transportation, on behalf of all Bramptonians and others, of all ages, on behalf of those who have not yet arrived on the planet, and of course also on behalf of the planet (our Mother Earth), our home, which continues to remain voiceless as we overload her (despoil her) with our carbon footprints but which sustains all living things.

As you can see for the attached photos, which were taken on September 2, 2017, the bike stand is well used (two of the bikes belong to my wife and me).

Thanks again Councillor Bowman, for your unstinting and timely support!

John J. Van West

September 6, 2017

Hello everyone.

I have been terribly remiss in not acknowledging with thanks and heartfelt appreciation, Mr. Robert Hornblow's support and hard work with respect to the recent placement of the temporary bike stand currently on location at the Alderlea historic estate, and the scheduled future placement of two permanent bike stands on this property. Mr. Hornblow is the Project Manager, Building Design and Construction, for the City of Brampton, and he has advocated for these stands for over a year.

I apologize to Mr. Hornblow for my oversight, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation for all his hard work and support, the outcome of which will enable cyclists visiting Alderlea to safely secure their bikes. This is community building in Brampton at its very best, one (and later) two bike stands at a time!

Thanks so much!

John

