

## **Resolution 18A**

### **RECOGNIZE AND REGULATE THE USE OF SHARED BICYCLE LANE MARKINGS (PASSED)**

⇒ Town of Bridgewater

**WHEREAS** the 2010 UNSM Active Transportation Survey demonstrates widespread support among Nova Scotian municipalities for increasing active transportation infrastructure, due to the economic, environmental, health and transportation benefits it provides; and

**WHEREAS** the UNSM Active Transportation Survey identified the lack of standardized regulations and policies on active transportation issues as a barrier to implementing active transportation improvements; and

**WHEREAS** public streets are intended to be shared spaces for vehicles and bicycles in accordance with the *Motor Vehicle Act*; and

**WHEREAS** shared bicycle lane markings, or "sharrows", are being implemented by numerous municipalities across Canada, and are recognized as a best practice by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC); and

**WHEREAS** shared bicycle lane markings, or "sharrows", are effective in directing bicyclists to travel outside the dangerous "car door zone" and encouraging safe coexistence with vehicles within traffic lanes; and

**WHEREAS** shared bicycle lane markings, or "sharrows", is an affordable alternative infrastructure for fiscally constrained municipalities, as compared to dedicated bicycle lanes, which often necessitate expensive road widenings and greater maintenance costs; and

**WHEREAS** shared bicycle lane markings, or "sharrows", are not recognized in the *Motor Vehicle Act*;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM request that the Province amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to recognize and regulate the use of shared bicycle lane markings in Nova Scotian municipalities, in accordance with established Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines.

Response from:  
*Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal*

**RESPONSE:**

*Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal recognizes sharrows are used in several other jurisdictions in Canada and are outlined in the TAC guidelines; however, we have not adopted them into Nova Scotia's Provincial highway system. Our active transportation group has advised it will be looking further into the use of sharrows in Nova Scotia as this program progresses*