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Durham Region earns Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community designation

Whitby, Ontario – The Regional Municipality of Durham has been recognized as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, marking a significant milestone in the Region's commitment to active transportation. This achievement is especially notable as Durham is the first regional municipality in Ontario to receive a BFC designation. The designation reflects the Region's growing leadership in promoting cycling and sustainable transportation through strong policies, inter-municipal collaboration, and strategic investments in cycling infrastructure. Key initiatives include the development of the Regional Cycling Plan, adoption of a Complete Streets approach and implementation of paved shoulder standards. "This recognition underscores our dedication to creating safe, connected, and accessible cycling options for residents and visitors," shared Sandra Austin, Commissioner of Community Growth and Economic Development. "We are proud to join Ontario's network of Bicycle Friendly Communities and look forward to building on this momentum." The BFC program, administered by Share the Road Cycling Coalition, evaluates communities based on their efforts to improve cycling through engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. Durham Region's Bronze BFC designation signals strong progress and a solid foundation for future improvements.

A Weekly Column by Dean Hickey

THE FINAL TAKE

AN UNVARNISHED LOOK AT THE MANY SOCIAL & POLITICAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME...

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Whereas with Oshawa Council, it's a fact
Our deepest fear is for us not to act
In meaningful ways beyond compare,
As there's so much good we can share.

And, whereas this council must ask itself
How can we place pride upon the shelf
And accept that there is room to grow
As only members of our council can know?

And, whereas we need not wonder
How divergent views can come together.
For we each bear the glory of God within
And with that in mind we'll soon begin
A brand new year - a new opportunity
To be the best we were made to be.

Therefore, be it resolved this Christmas Eve,
Whether or not we truly believe,
That Council seek guidance from one
Who has the power to see good will done,
As we strive to let our collective light glow
Over a city that we're all proud to know.

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