

1st Annual Pedal Play Kanata North

Information for parents re: Kanata North Mobile Bike Rodeo – Pedal Play, 04 June, 2017

Councillor Wilkinson invites parents and students (primary and secondary), to attend the second annual Kanata North Mobile Bike Rodeo – Pedal Play, being held on 04 June, 2017. Pedal Play is a great forum to learn safe cycling routes and practices in your community.

When: Sunday, 04 June, 2017, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Where: Start and finish at W. Erskine Johnston Public School, 50 Varley Drive
Who: Adults and students (primary and secondary), in Kanata
Registration required: <https://pedalplay.wordpress.com/>

The purpose of the Mobile Bike Rodeo is to encourage children and parents to cycle in their community, and provide them with the tools to do it safely. We hope to target three demographics:

- Younger children; (primary school), to be capable of biking to school or their community park, safely with increased competence and confidence (Children must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult, also on a bike);
- Older children; (high school), to learn that they are a vehicle under the Highway Traffic Act, and gain the knowledge to cycle accordingly; and
- Parents; to become familiar with:
 - the applicable portions of the Highway Traffic Act (incorporating the legislative changes to Bill 31; Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act (Making Ontario's Roads Safer), which came into effect 01 Sep, 2015, and are directed at encouraging cycling, promoting road safety, and sharing the road),
 - and the set fines.

Participants will cycle through Kanata north, using both road ways and pathways, stopping at several activity stations along the way, to learn safe cycling practices, and how bicycles are regulated under the Highway Traffic Act.

The 5-7 km route is planned to demonstrate safe routes throughout the community, connecting schools and community centres. Participants will learn their hand signals, how to share multiuse paths, how to change their gears when climbing, how to safely navigate roundabouts, and busy crossovers. They will also learn how to confirm their helmet fit and how to do a basic bike maintenance check.

Pedal Play is FREE and is being sponsored by the Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association, with support and assistance from Councillor Wilkinson's advisory committee - Transportation Action Committee Kanata North (TACK), Safer Roads Ottawa, and EnviroCentre's Sustain Kanata North project.

For more information and to register, visit the Pedal Play website at <https://pedalplay.wordpress.com/>
See you there!



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