
To: Grey County Administration:
Re: Paved shoulder on county roads

As a bed and breakfast operators in Grey County for the last ten years, we would like to make the following comments and observations.

The interest and participation of the cycling sector has definitely increased in the time we have been in business. We have increased the interest in cycling by creating a system of bed and breakfast establishments where cyclist can cycle a route to different accommodations and have their luggage delivered to their next location. The "Ontario by Bike" network has produced a website promoting cycling locations in Ontario; Grey County is described as a "cycling hub". From a tourism standpoint we are one of ten locations competing for attention in Ontario on the cycling website.

As a tourism operator we find that cyclists make frequent day and overnight stays. Serious cyclists participate in multiple events annually. Cycling events and participation equate to an increase in tourism and has a positive economic effect. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the investment in cycling infrastructure and facilities is a positive indicator that cycling is a growing transportation mode and tourism activity and that Grey County is cycling friendly.

Something as simple as paved shoulders and bike lanes will have an

enormous impact on cycling, safety and tourism in Grey County. Paved shoulders allow all levels of cyclists to feel comfortable and safe on our roads. A slogan that all tourism partners would like to see in promoting Grey County would be "Grey County more bike lanes than any other county in Ontario". An easily obtainable goal.

Regards,

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