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Following the development of the Toronto Cyclists Union

Toronto's cycling community is pregnant

On a beautiful evening in late September, under a full moon, the Toronto Cyclists Union was fertilised. Over seventy bicycle advocates and organisers from over twenty organisations came together under one roof and offered their overwhelming support for this new creature.



Nine months later, in June 2008, we are expecting the arrival of a vigorous young organisation: Toronto's first membership-driven bicycle advocacy group.

The Toronto Cyclists Union will provide a loud voice for all bicycle riders. It's time to stand up and demand the attention, respect, funding and facilities that we deserve.

The City of Toronto has a great Bike Plan, but implementation has been as slow as a bike with a flat tire...and no pedals. It is unacceptable the extent to which our roads give priority to cars at the expense of cyclists' safety. Exclusive bike lanes are rare and are often filled with potholes and/or parked cars.

Working with other groups such as the Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT), Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC), iBikeTO, Toronto Bicycle Network and many others, the Cyclists Union will build our community into a strong, diverse, fun and effective network of thousands of bike riders fighting for change.

Many major cities in North America have membership-funded bicycle advocacy groups

- **Chicagoland Bicycle Federation:**
6,000 members
- **San Francisco Bike Coalition:**
6,500 members
- **Bicycle Alliance of Washington (Seattle):**
2,700 members
- **Bicycle Transport Alliance (Portland):**
4,500 members
- **Transportation Alternatives (NYC):**
5,500 members
- **Toronto Cyclists Union:**
Member registration opens June 2008



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