

Markham Cycles Community Bike Hub Mechanic

Do you have a passion for sharing your love of bicycles and encouraging more people to ride? The Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership, is working with the City of Markham, the York Region District School Board, the Markham Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and CultureLink, to launch an exciting new project called *Markham Cycles: Incubating Cycling Hubs in Suburban Canadian Communities*. We are hiring a part-time **Bike Hub Mechanic** to support a Community Bike Hub in Markham, ON.

Funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada, the goal of *Markham Cycles* is to engage residents in climate change action by increasing opportunities for cycling in Markham. The City of Markham presents a great opportunity. It has the highest transportation fuel emissions of any lower tier municipality in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. However, some neighbourhoods offer promising *potential* for increasing cycling (as measured by trips 5km or less which are not currently walked or cycled).

Markham Cycles will identify a neighbourhood in Markham with strong potential for increased cycling. The project will use targeted interventions to build participation in cycling for transportation. We will develop partnerships with a local host organization interested in becoming a “Community Bike Hub”. Through the hub, we will offer access to bicycles and tools, cycling education workshops and repair clinics, cycling mentorship activities, rides, and other engagement workshops/events.

Markham Cycles goals:

1. Address barriers to cycling in Markham
2. Build institutional capacity among local agencies and individuals to support cycling
3. Support action towards reducing transport-related greenhouse gas emissions in Markham
4. Support related benefits:
 - Community building
 - Physical activity
 - Affordable transportation

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist in setting up the community bike hub, including procuring, assembling and organizing equipment
- Procure donations of used equipment and prepare it for re-use
- With the Bike Hub Coordinator, design and deliver programming related to the maintenance and repair of bicycles (repair and maintenance clinics, DIY Drop-in hours, build-a-bike series, etc) and cycling education in schools
- Support other programming (rides, bike mentorship, etc) as required
- Maintain program resources, equipment, and supplies inventory
- Create a welcoming atmosphere by engaging our program participants in a supportive and friendly manner and sharing knowledge in a respectful, empowering way
- Assist with Bike Hub volunteer recruitment, orientation and training.
- Assist in the collection of program data for monitoring, evaluation and funder reporting
- Assist with the promotion of the Bike Hub through a variety of communications avenues (print, media, newsletter, social media)
- Other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

Qualifications

- In-depth experience in bike repair, bike maintenance, and bike re-builds
- Experience teaching adults and youth
- CAN-BIKE Certification (any level) is an asset
- Passionate about promoting cycling in the suburbs
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Comfortable working both independently with minimal supervision and in a team environment
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, experience in social media
- Ability to work in a culturally competent manner with diverse population and within a diverse work environment
- Ability to work frequent evenings and weekends;
- Cantonese or Mandarin language skills are an asset
- Vulnerable Sector Screening

Basic Details

- Duration: June 2019 – Nov 30, 2019
- 12 hours per week (evening and weekend work required)
- \$18/hr

Applications due May 31, 2019. Please send cover letter and resume to tcat@cleanairpartnership.org

About Us

- The Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT) is a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership. TCAT's mission is to advance knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling.