

# Bicycling no longer just "recreation"

TORONTO— Ontario is revising its bicycle policy to support the bicycle as an integral mode of transportation, and not simply as a recreational vehicle, Transport Minister Gilles Pouliot announced today.

"Our new bicycle policy represents a significant shift in thinking," said Pouliot.

"When the province plans, builds or upgrades our transportation system, whether road or transit, the role of the bicycle will be considered.

"To encourage municipal involvement, bicycle facilities will now qualify for funding under the ministry's road and transit programs," said Pouliot.

Municipal will now be able to use part of their provincial allocation for roads and transit to put in facilities for bicycles. Under this new policy, as much as \$3.5 million in ministry funds will be available this fiscal year to support cycling initiatives. Municipalities will be asked to consider bicycles in all provin-

cially sponsored transportation planning studies and to develop comprehensive bicycle network plans.

For example, Metropolitan Toronto may use a portion of its municipal allocations to build a cycle and pedestrian crossing at the Number River Gardiner/Lakeshore Boulevard bridges, as identified in the Crombie Report as part of the Waterfront Trail along Lake Ontario.

In Ottawa, a proposed comprehensive bicycle network plan for Ottawa-Carleton and paved shoulders on Hunt Club Road and St. Joseph Boulevard would also be eligible for provincial subsidization under the new bicycle policy.

In Eastern Ontario, resurfacing of the Loyalist Parkway (Highway 33) has already included paved shoulders for bicycles on an 18-kilometre section between the communities of Bloomfield and Hillier. Over the long term, a paved shoulder will be added to most of the Highway 33 tourist corridor between Kingston and Trenton.

In Northern Ontario, the ministry will begin paving the shoulders of Highway 61 next summer between Thunder Bay and Pigeon River. By 1994,

this popular cycling route from Thunder Bay to the United States Border will have paved shoulders along its entire 53-kilometre length.

Bicycle safety was also a major consideration of the bicycle policy review. In 1990, 29 cyclists died in collisions with motor vehicles, and 3,700 were injured. One of the primary safety issues raised was the use of bicycle helmets.

"Bicycle safety through public education will continue to be a priority for my ministry," said Pouliot. "We encourage cyclists of all ages to wear bicycle helmets to reduce injuries and fatalities and anticipate that helmet use will eventually be mandatory."

As it is now, the Ontario Government is looking at the possibility of mandatory cycling helmets. It is important to note that Canada has an excellent national standard for helmets. Buyers should look for a helmet that carries the Canadian Standards Association certification mark.

The CSA mark is found on cycling helmets that comply with CSA Standard D.113.2. Over a dozen models of helmets, in various sizes, have been certified to this safety standard. The CSA standard applies to helmets for cyclists aged five years and older. Requirements for a helmet's impact-absorbing qualities,

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In memory of our son and brother GRAIG MICHAEL SPADONI, who died accidentally July 27, 1987.

*Because of him  
Our own small world  
Will never be the Same  
And all our hearts  
Are filled with love  
When people speak his name...*

*But though his face  
may not be seen  
among us here today  
His love is felt  
In all the hearts*

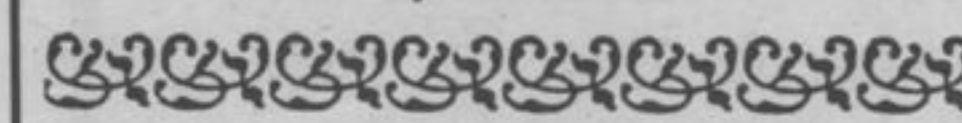
*he changed along the way.  
Lovingly remembered  
and so deeply missed.  
Dad Mom Bobby and Stanley*

### IN MEMORIAM

Graig Spadoni  
July 27, 1987

*Though his smile has gone  
forever  
And his hand we cannot touch  
Still we have so many  
memories  
Of the one we loved so much  
His memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part  
God has him in His keeping  
We have him in our heart*

Love Uncle Pat, Aunt Barb,  
Jamie & Stacy



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*May God Bless You All.*

*Harriett McBride*

