

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



## Highlights of the Year



### Staffing

For this season we had support from our three co-op students, Jose Guerra, Sumanyu Verma, and Ninad Josh. A round of applause for their dedication to organizing the shop, supporting our students, and their willingness to juggle so many demands of operating the Bike Hubs.

### Selling Refurbished Bikes

Bikes that are donated to the Bike Hub are typically repaired to use within our rental fleet or scrapped for parts. However, with enough bikes in our fleet, we have begun to sell excess to our staff and students to generate some revenue to support the Bike Hub initiatives and prevent them from going into the landfill.



### Bike Rides

Three bike rides were offered this year that got Sheridan students and staff excited to participate in riding and building a stronger sense of community. The goal is to host more rides next year and to support students with starting a club at HMC and Davis campus.





# Davis & HMC

## By the numbers

112

Bikes  
Fixed

314

Bikes  
Rented

3,370  
km+

Distance  
Ridden  
\*Based on rental  
user estimates

29

Participants  
at Tour de  
Sheridan

20

Bikes  
Sold



# Testimonial David's Story



"I'm an older Sheridan student (41 years old) who never learned how to ride a bike, and have no one who can help me learn. My landlord is selling the house in which I rent a room, and because of that, I realized that I needed to learn to ride a bike. This would help me, given the housing crisis we are in, and that public transit in Oakville is expensive for my budget, and is not very frequent.

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It took me about 12 hours, spread over about six sessions of practice at the Sheridan Bike Hub in Mississauga, for me to learn to ride a bike at a very rudimentary level, but I succeeded; I was a slow learner! But I was able to succeed because of the Bike Hub's support. The person who helped me (Vicki) was very patient with my questions, and was encouraging. This helped me to persevere despite my initial lack of confidence.

The bike hub also supplied me with a smaller bike with the pedals removed and seat lowered, for me to learn to balance with, before moving up to a proper sized bike with pedals. This is definitely something that I don't think I could do on my own (i.e. buy a separate smaller bike, and remove the pedals and lower the seat).

The encouragement, and ability to ask questions as I was learning (e.g. about how to turn, about how to switch gears, about how to mount and dismount, about problems I encountered with the chain) were necessary for me to succeed at learning to ride a bike.

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I look forward to learning more about bike repair/maintenance and bike safety from the Bike Hub. This will allow me to use cycling as my main form of transportation for the rest of my life. This will allow me to be more adaptable with where I live, in this housing crisis."