

# CHRISTOPHER FORD PROGRAM STRATEGIST





### SMART COMMUTE MRH

Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill (SCMRH) is a workplace travel program of Metrolinx and York Region, in partnership with the City of Markham and Town of Richmond Hill. SCMRH operates as a Transportation Management Association (TMA) managed by the Markham and Richmond Hill Boards of Trade. SCMRH delivers annual campaigns, custom projects, custom TDM programming and consulting services to its member workplaces.

# **OUR FUNDERS**

**⇒** METROLINX

York Region







Top: From left to right, Christopher Ford, Wincy Tsang (Manager), Sidra Mukhtar, Calvin Chung, Sonya De Vellis, Samantha Maurice Bottom Right: SCMRH Team pictured with City of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti





### **OBJECTIVE**

Lead the development of SCMRH's Marketing & Sales Strategy, and assist with its implementation

### **OBJECTIVE**

Lead the development of SCMRH's first Strategic Plan



MAJOR PROJECTS

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) is a collection of strategies designed to reduce roadway congestion and demand for single occupancy vehicle travel by redistributing travel demand to alternative travel modes, times and routes, or removing the need to travel altogether. TDM can take the form of providing information, facilitating marketing and promotional campaigns, targetted programming and campaigns, or consulting services, and is intended to encourage individuals to re-examine when, how, where, and why they travel.

## **COMMUTER OPTIONS**





FOR BUSINESSES

**Operational Cost Savings** 

Higher Productivity

Supporting ESG / Sustainability Goals

Attracting Talent & Decreasing Turnover









FOR EMPLOYEES

**Decreased Stress** 

**Greater Commute Satisfaction** 

**Time Savings** 

Improved Physical Health

Personal Cost Savings









### FOR COMMUNITIES

Reduced Traffic Congestion

Improved Air Quality

Reduced GHG Emissions

THE BENEFITS OF WORKPLACE TDM



Support the planning & facilitation of 2018 Annual **Custom Projects** 





**OBJECTIVE** 

Support delivery of Member Level Services as needed





- Co-designed & managed the Smart Commute Concierge Custom Project with a budget of over \$40K As of September 12, over 1050 sustainable trips have been logged by 450 participants from 7 member businesses, resulting in over 3.6 tonnes of avoided GHG emissions
- Lead the update to SCMRH Service Packages and Agreement
- Audited & co-lead update of SCMRH website
- Contributed to the development of a number of marketing and promotional materials, including leading the development of a Custom Projects Brochure
- Conducted extensive research and stakeholder interviews and facilitated business canvas session utilizing the Flourishing Business Canvas to support the development of the strategy

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To Be Continued... Christopher will continue working with Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill until December 2018