

The **Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation** and the **Toronto Cyclists Union**, in partnership with the **Consulate General of the Netherlands in Toronto**, are happy to present a **Complete Streets Forum** pre-conference community event:

‘Cycling integrated public transport in The Netherlands’ Kaj Mook, Director, NS OV-fiets, Dutch Railways

Date: Thursday, April 22

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Music Room, Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto

Cost: \$10 general admission

\$5 for Toronto Cyclist Union members

FREE for Complete Streets Forum registrants

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/yhck2x3>



NS OV-fiets (translation: "public transport bicycle") is a bike rental service available at all Dutch rail stations. Kaj is involved in spreading the Dutch cycling knowledge world wide as member of the Cycling.nl network of I-CE (Interface for Cycling Expertise). His aim is to make OV-fiets more professional and more popular, with more clients, more rental points and more rentals.

During his presentation, Kaj will provide an overview of the public transport rental bike system in the Netherlands, the history of its integration at rail stations, and the cycling facilities provided by the Dutch Railways. He will also provide some comparisons between cycling in the Netherlands and in Canada.

Last year, Toronto opened Canada's first bicycle station at Union Station and is currently exploring options for launching and operating its own public bicycle system. If adopted by Council this spring, this exciting initiative will result in hundreds of bikes available for public use in the downtown core. Sean Wheldrake, Project Lead, Cycling Programs Unit, Transportation Services at the City of Toronto will provide an update on the status of Toronto's public bike system following Mr Mook's presentation.

Q&A moderated by Matthew Blackett, publisher and creative director of Spacing Magazine.

The Complete Streets Forum takes place on April 23, 2010 at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto. This community event is one of the pre-conference activities taking place on April 22, 2010.



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