

Presentation at the first Annual Eastern
Ontario Active Transportation May 29, 2014

TOWARD A BICYCLE-FRIENDLY MISSISSIPPI MILLS, LANARK, EASTERN ONTARIO...



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- CO-CHAIR, MISSISSIPPI MILLS BICYCLE MONTH
- MEMBER, SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE FOR LANARK, LEEDS AND GRENVILLE
- MEMBER, ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ONTARIO BY BIKE
- MEMBER, ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
- SHARE THE ROAD

SOME GOOD NEWS STORIES ABOUT SMALL TOWN CYCLE ADVOCACY



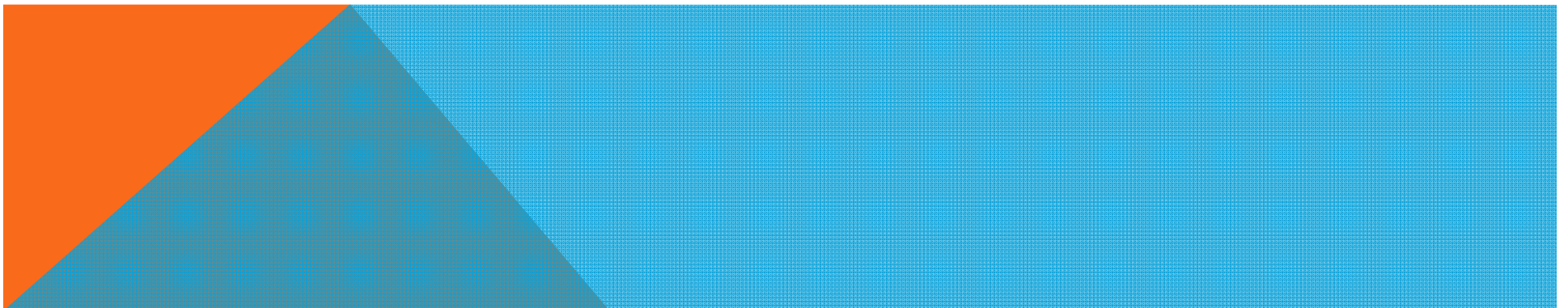
Mississippi Mills Bicycle Month
(MMBM) now in its sixth year.





Mission:

Mississippi Mills Bicycle Month promotes healthy active communities through the engagement of residents of all ages. Cycling encompasses, art and culture, individual health and safety, sport, transportation and the environment, and tourism and local economic development.





we want to have fun,
but we want to be safe...



We engage youth...



Bicycle Polo
a photography exhibition
by Bob Acton

BAKER BOB'S GALLERY
73 Little Bridge Street
Almonte, Ontario K0A 1A0
613-256-7674

June 3 – July 28, 2011.

Vernissage:
Friday, June 3, 2011.
6PM - 8PM

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We engage
seniors...





we encourage
families...



we offer...

Arts & Culture Events

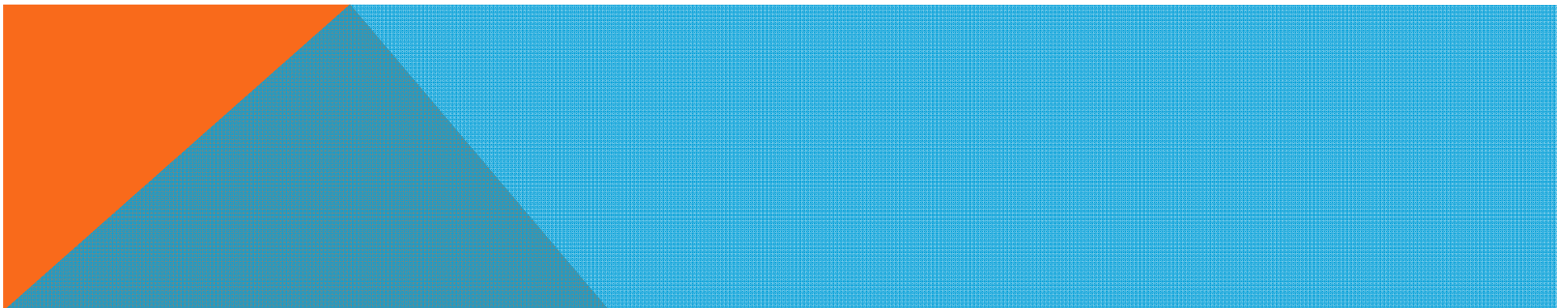
- SPIN – Evalyn Parry
- Lecture Series
- Movie Nights
- Photography Exhibit
- Otesha Project
- Writing Contest



We understand!

“Very great change starts from
very small conversations, held
among people who care.”

~ Margaret Wheatley



MMBM is not a end in itself.

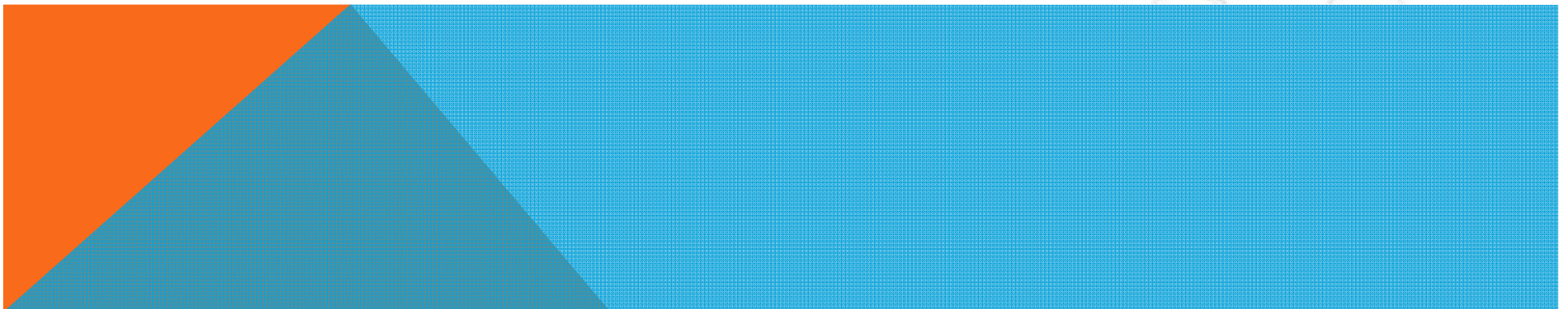
It is a means to a bicycle-friendly, healthy, active,
and more prosperous community...

- Bicycles are good for business
- Bicycles are good for community





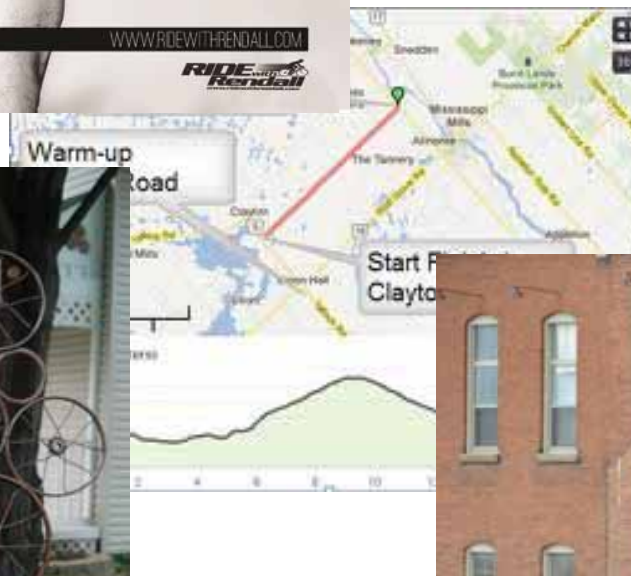
Town staff and volunteers submit a
Bicycle-Friendly Community
application to Share the Road
Cycling Coalition



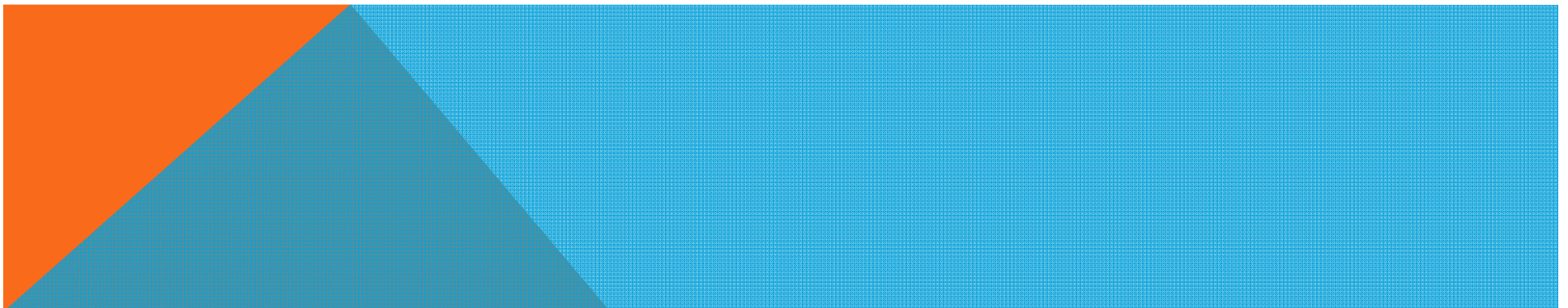
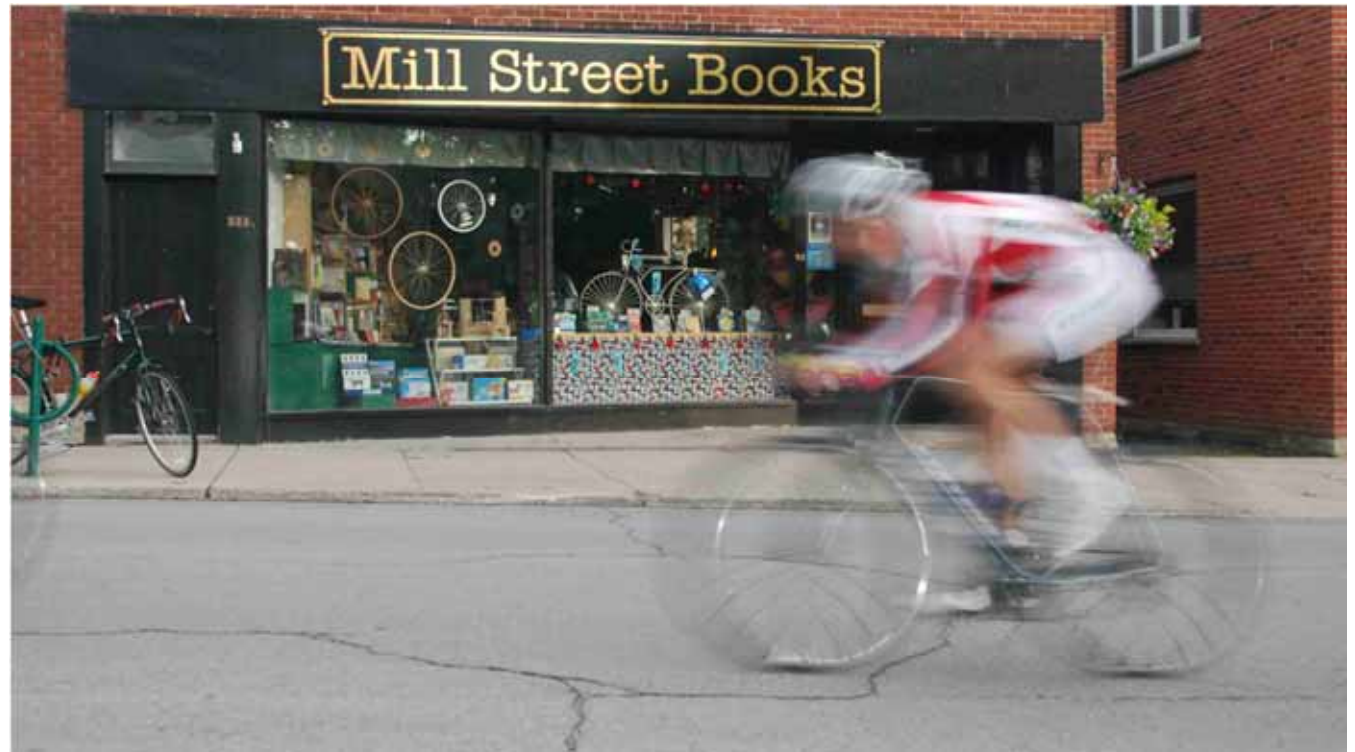
Mississippi Mills Community and Economic Development Committee

sponsors a
**Welcome Cyclist
Network Cycling
Tourism Workshop**
Almonte May 2012



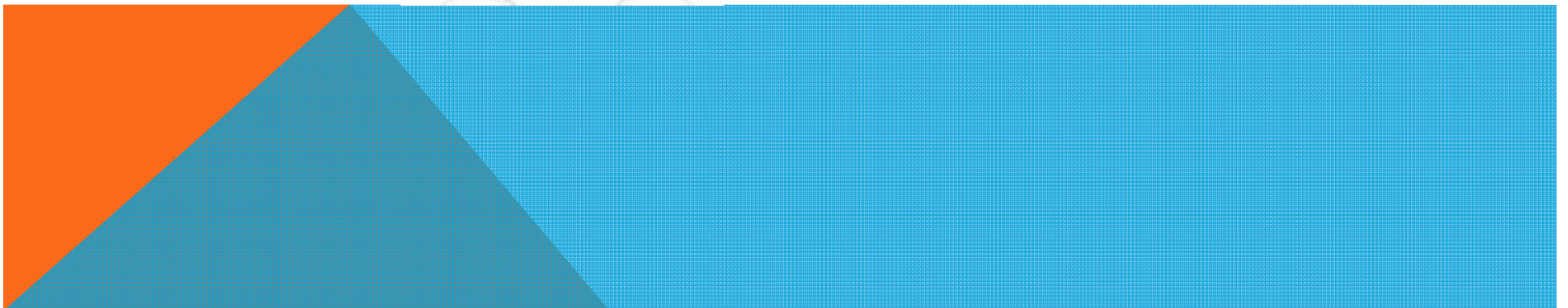


- 217 Riders came from across Ontario
- bringing family, friends, coaches
- over a weekend
- 4 different races at different venues in Mississippi Mills



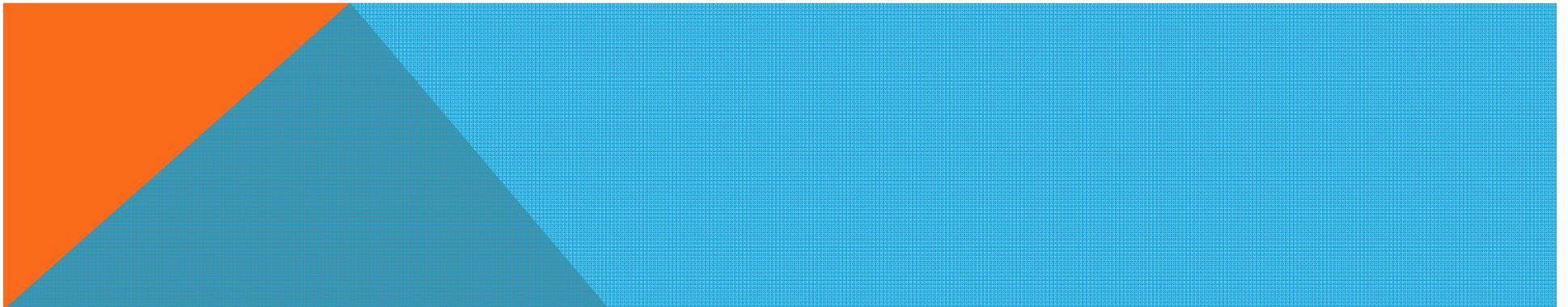
Bilingual Cycling Map

Mainstreet Almonte Attraction and Promotion (MAAP) and Mississippi Mills Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) sponsors the development on a **Bilingual Cycling Map**

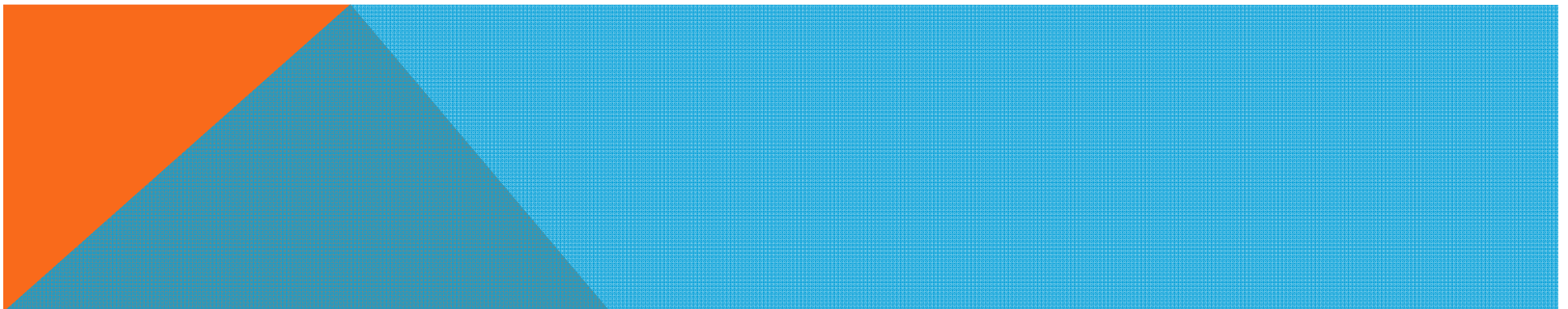


Can bicycles build community? They sure Can!

- Almonte Bicycle Works opens in 2011
- Bikes for Haiti program puts used, affordable bikes in the hands of families, new riders, and persons rediscovering cycling

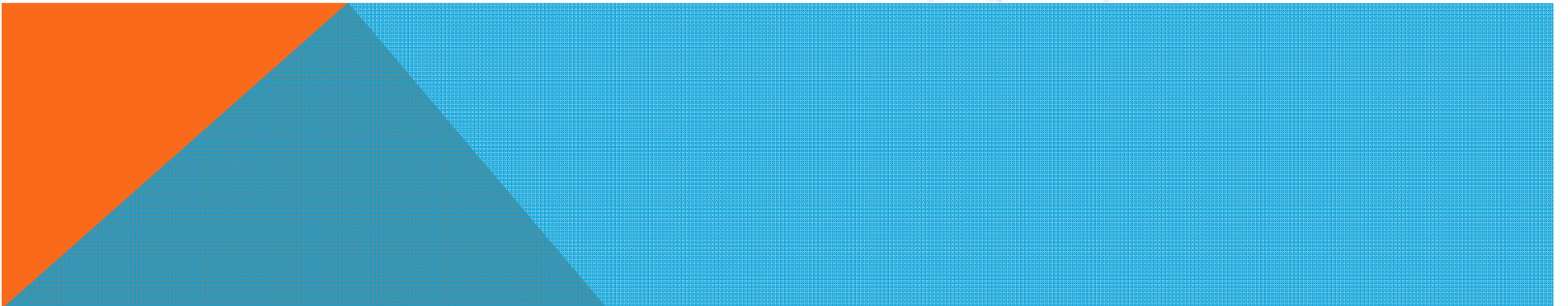


Mississippi Mills Bicycle Month applies
to County of Lanark's Adopt A Road
Program to adopt a portion of Martin
Street North (County Road 17)



Cycling is on the rise...

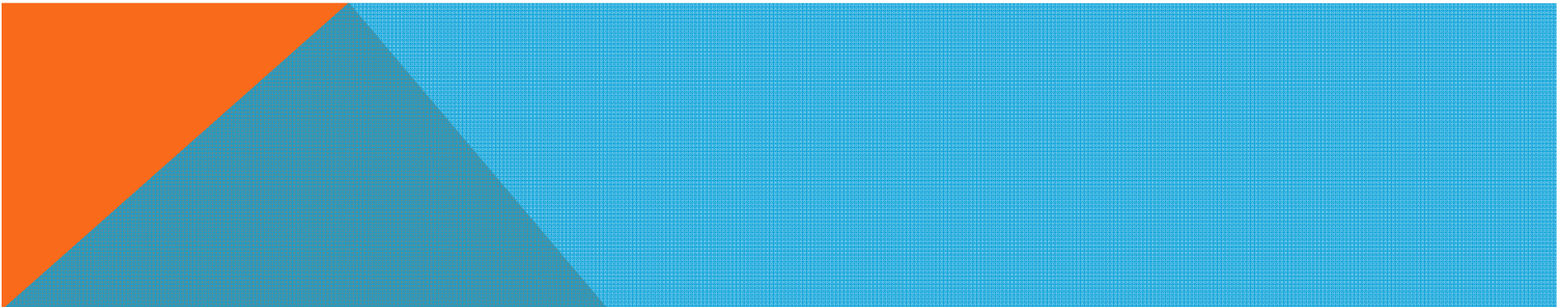
People are seeking out others and just doing it!



The RIMM Rovers

“The RIMM Rovers are a group of Almonte people who love to go a wandering around the countryside on a sunny morning and take in the sights. We are average ability and usually go for about a 2 hour ride along back country roads in search of adventure, laughter and friendship. Every ride is a new adventure to a new spot.

Someday we may bring a picnic and stop by in Blakeney or some other picturesque spot for a break. We are very flexible, as we go with whoever shows up.”





"We had a great turnout, about 41, close to twice what we have been seeing; this is probably a reflection of how we are growing..."

The School Travel Planning Steering Committee gets a commitment from Upper Canada and District School Board (UCDSB) to run a pilot project working on “Active and Safe Routes to School”



Almonte's Naismith Public School
is chosen as one of 3 'Pilot Schools'
out of 11 schools that applied



Be strong in body, clean in mind, lofty in ideals.
~James Naismith

Silver Chain Challenge

Encourages cycling participation

Now issued between Lanark and Renfrew Counties

- Leeds, Grenville next year?
- partners include the Ottawa Heart Institute

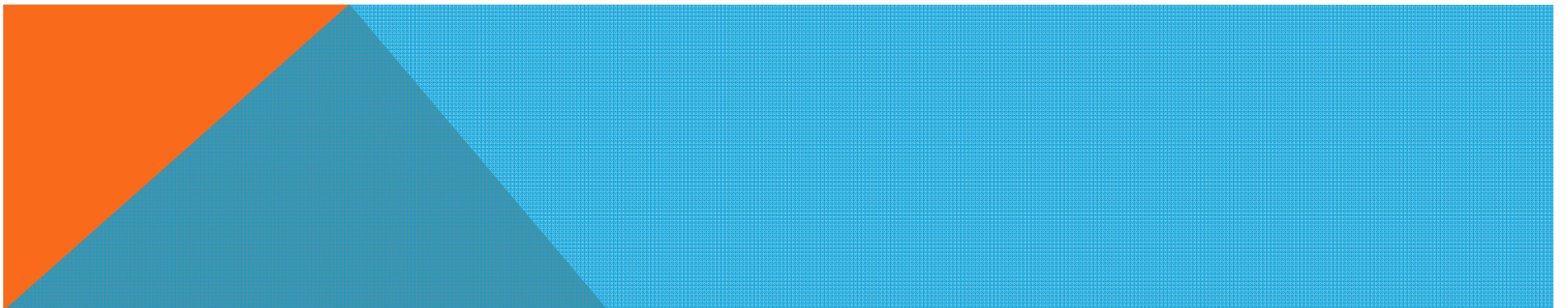
Potential to issue challenges between

- Schools
- Hospitals
- Towns
- County councils





Silverchainchallenge.ca



We welcome you to the first annual

Eastern Ontario Active Transportation Summit

In beautiful downtown Almonte



EASTERN ONTARIO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

May 29-30th



Almonte Old Town Hall,
Mississippi Mills, Ontario

Register Online at:
sharetheroad.ca

