Jurisdictional Scan - Bike Registration Systems

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Research Purpose: Research was conducted in July – August 2023 to identify third-party bike registration vendors working in partnership with Canadian municipal governments.

Research Scope: Fourteen (14) medium – large Canadian municipalities were included in the scope of this research *

** Several smaller, out-of-scope municipalities were also identified to have partnered with third-party bike registration vendors*

Key Findings

- Of the 14 municipalities, 10 actively partner with a third-party bike registration vendor:
    - **8** work in partnership with 529 Garage (Vancouver, Victoria, Red Deer, Regina, Brandon, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City)
    - **2** work in partnership with Bike Index
    - **4** use their own municipal-based system

*See **Appendix A** for more details on each municipality*

- Each of the municipalities that partner with third-party bike registration vendors resource their support via the municipality's **police department / service.**
- Of the 10 municipalities that partner with third-party bike registration vendors, only **Vancouver** publishes a dedicated municipal contact for public queries regarding bike registration.
- Through discussion with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) bike registration contact as well as the VPD's former bike registration contact (now retired), research has concluded the following:
    - VPD resources working with 529 Garage (to support implementation of Vancouver's bike registration system) have primarily focused efforts on event organization, partnership development, volunteer recruitment and management, retrieving and returning bikes, program marketing, promotions and public education, and on providing inter-municipal awareness (across Canada).
    - The VPD bike registration contact suggested that municipal resourcing can be tailored to the municipality's goals, priorities, supports and resources available (resourcing "can be as busy as you want it to be").
    - VPD data / crime statistics show great improvement in areas related to bike theft since the 529 Garage partnership began.
    - 50+ events are held each year in Vancouver and involve volunteers, other organizations and local bike shops (it is important to have local businesses involved to help advocate for the program).

*See **Appendix A** for a report drafted by the VPD on Vancouver's 529 Garage program*