



RIDE OF SILENCE

In May 2003, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride Of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The ride was a solemn event, to remember Larry and all cyclists killed while riding their bikes. It was only suppose to be a one-time ride, visit www.rideofsilence.org to see how it has become a worldwide event. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often is not aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves. Over 700 cyclists are killed each year while riding. We are riding in memory of cyclists that have been killed or injured. With this ride, we hope to educate motorists that cyclists have the legal right to the road and to watch out for us.

The ride has several goals:

To **HONOR** those who have been injured or killed

To **RAISE AWARENESS** that we are here

To ask that we all **SHARE THE ROAD**

Our Region's first local Ride of Silence will start at the Niagara Square Mall, **Wednesday May 16th 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** The police escorted route is **14.5 km in length, riding time is 45 minutes** and it highlights some of the worst roads to ride in our City. The Ride of Silence is similar to a funeral procession. The ride will be slow (**20 kph maximum**). There will be **no talking, only silence**, to remember our fallen fellow cyclists. There will be no road closures so we must ride the rules of the road (single file, adhere to traffic stops). **Helmets are mandatory.**

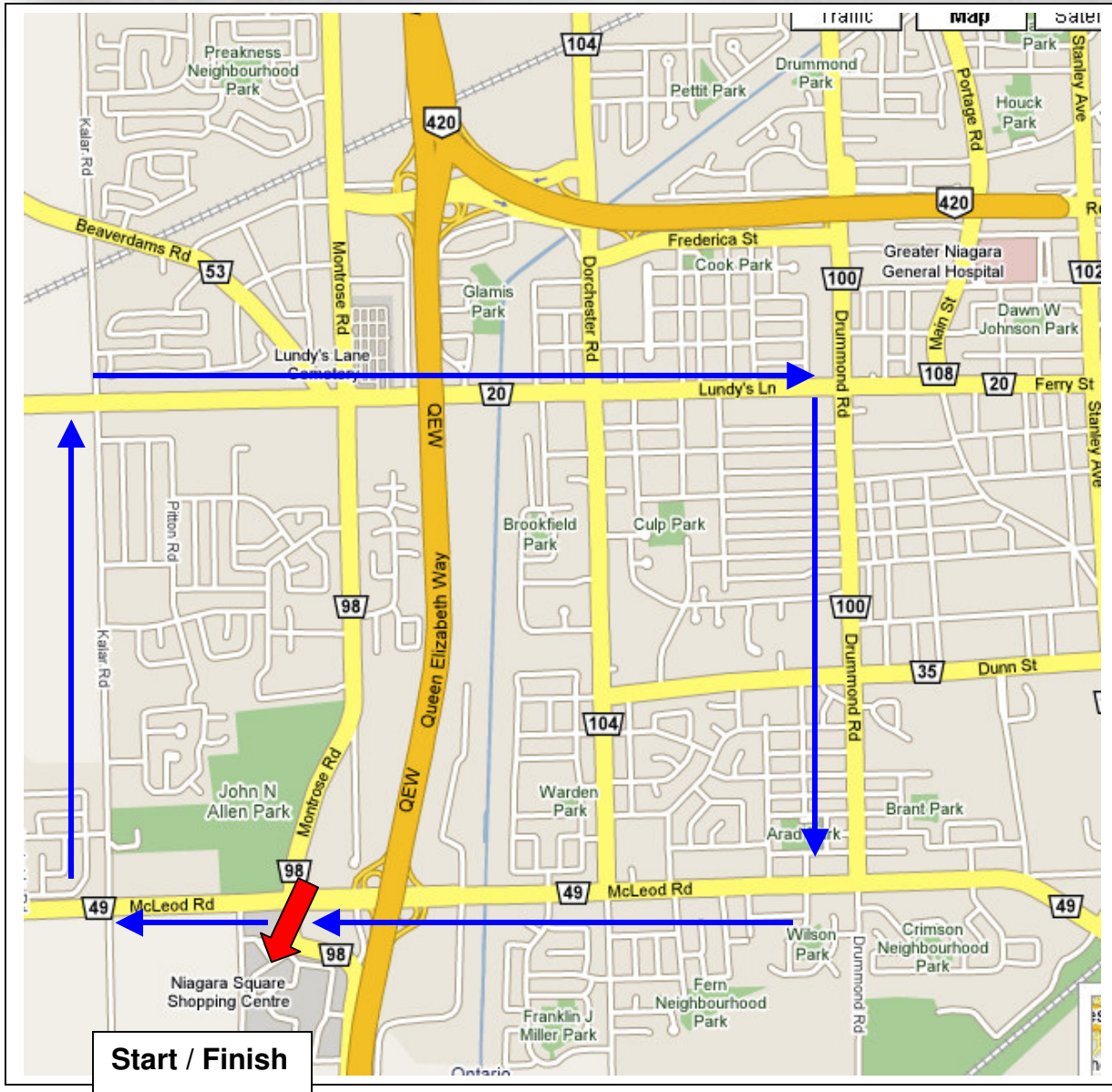
This ride is a free ride, there are no fees, no registration, no sponsors, no pledges, no t-shirts, no prizes, only silence. It is suggested black armbands are worn in memory of those who have been killed; red armbands are worn for those injured while riding, kindly provide your own.

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The ride starts at Niagara Square heads west on McLeod Rd to Kalar Rd, ride north on Kalar to Lundy's Lane, head east on Lundy's Lane to Drummond Rd, ride south on Drummond to McLeod Rd, ride west returning to Niagara Square.

Distance – approximately 14.5 km - Ride time at suggested 20 kph – 45 minutes