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Item No. 14.6.1

Request for Council's Consideration	
X Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) Added Item (Submitted Clerk's Office Monday)	to Municipal
Date of Council Meeting: July 26, 2016	
Subject: Motorized Bicycles	
Motion for Council to Consider: Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider amending By-law P-600 respecting Municipal Parks under Provision 10 – to include the prohibition of motorized bicycles in HRM parks and trails.	
Reason:	
The Chain of Lakes Trail has signage posted that motorized vehicles are prohibited and the maximum speed is 20 km/hr. However bicycles are permitted to be used on HRM paths and parks. There are newer bicycles that are not solely propelled by human power and have attached motors. Under the provincial Motor Vehicle Act, section 2 (c) bicycles with attached motors are still considered bicycles if they produce less than 500 watts or with a piston displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimetresand are incapable of attaining speeds more than 30 km/hr. We have received numerous complaints about motorized bicycles and the associated safety concerns. Our Community Constable with Halifax Regional Police contacted HRM's Legal Services it was concluded at this time the motorized bicycles cannot be prohibited from operating on the trail. In order to enforce this change, existing signage would need to be amended and it was suggested that our Parks Bylaw P-600 be amended to ensure that enforcement could be initiated.	
Outcome Sought:	
Halifax Regional Council initiates the process to amend Parks By-Law P-600 to prohibit motorized bicycles in HRM parks and on our trails.	
Councillor Linda Mosher	District 9