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Item No. 7.1.6

Request for Board of Police Commissioners Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: October 16, 2015		
Subject: Commissioner Mosher – Report Request – Motorized Bicycles		
Motion for Board of Police Commissioners to Consider: That the Board of Police Commissioners recommend that 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 centimetres...and 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 (Ashley Dutcher) 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 Board of Police Commissioners recommends that Halifax Regional Council initiate the process to amend Parks By-Law P-600 to prohibit motorized bicycles in HRM parks and on our trails.		
Commissioners Linda Mosher		