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Hi Reg; Just a reminder from last night's COCO meeting.

These so called electric bikes are built like scooters or mopeds not like an ordinary bike and are meant to be driven on the battery, you cannot drive them really by pedalling. They have ridiculous small pedals so they can say that they can come under the bicycle laws and don't need to be licensed and can go on the roads as such. They sold them at Canadian Tire and had them at the home show last year, in each case I told the sales person that they should not say that they are allowed on our trails.

We had a website up last week from Ontario where they said that they are "legal" but that the local communities could bring in their own laws. We could not find the website last night. Perhaps you have some smart help that could look it up for you????

They have to be below 50cc and have some kind of little peddles. This person we stopped was adamant that he could use the trail, he checked with RCMP and HRM he said!

We feel these scooters should not be on the trail, they don't give a person physical activity and don't perform like a bicycle. There are electric bikes however that have regular peddles and are "power assisted". This problem was discussed at one of our HRTA meetings more than a year ago and we agreed that they should not be allowed, but no follow up was done.

If you need more info get back to me.

Sincerely

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