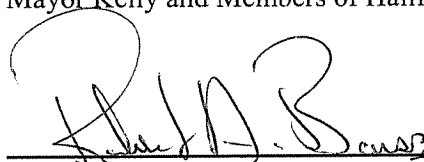


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July 9, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Robert A. Barss, Deputy Chief of Police

DATE: June 27, 2002

SUBJECT: Bikeways Task Force

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the May 28, 2002, session of the Halifax Regional Council, Councillor Hetherington requested that Council be provided with the number of tickets relating to bicycles that have been issued in the last twelve months

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

There are five sections of the Motor Vehicle Act that deal specifically with bicycle usage; sections 170A(2), 170A(3), 171(1), 171(2) and 171(3). Statistics from each of these sections from May 2001 to April 2002 were compiled. In total 134 tickets have been issued under the Motor Vehicle Act as they relate to bicycle usage. A detailed breakdown of the statistics is attached, but can be summarized as follows:

Section 170 A (2), Requirement for Bicycle Helmet. A total of 118 tickets were issued for the period May 2001 to April 2002. The fine for this offence is \$128.75.

Section 170 A (3), Person Under Sixteen Years of Age. There were no tickets for this offence during May 2001 to April 2002. The fine for this offence is \$128.75.

Section 171 (1), Prohibited Conduct on Bicycle. For the period May 2001 to April 2002, there was one ticket issued for this offence. The fine for this offence is \$117.25.

Section 171 (2), No Bicycle on Sidewalk. A total of 13 tickets were issued for the period May 2001 to April 2002. The fine for this offence is \$117.25.

Section 171 (3), Riding Bicycle on Highway. For the period May 2001 to April 2002, there were two tickets issued for this offence. The fine for this offence is \$117.25.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating Reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ATTACHMENTS

Breakdown of statistics for Section 170A(2), 170A(3), 171(1), 171(2) and 171(3).

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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SECTION 170 A (2)

Motor Vehicle Act: Requirement for Bicycle Helmet

No person shall ride on or operate a bicycle on a highway or on any property where the operation of bicycles is permitted unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet that complies with the regulations and the chin strap of the helmet is securely fastened under the chin.

Offence: Riding on or operating (specify) bicycle without wearing bicycle helmet complying with regulations or having chin strap of bicycle helmet securely fastened under chin (specify)

Section: 170 A (2)

Out of Court Settlement: \$128.75

May 2001	5	November 2001	8
June 2001	3	December 2001	5
July 2001	35	January 2002	0
August 2001	45	February 2002	1
September 2001	0	March 2002	2
October 2001	11	April 2002	3

SECTION 170 A (3)

Motor Vehicle Act: Person Under Sixteen Years of Age

No parent or guardian of a person under sixteen years of age shall authorize or knowingly permit that person to ride on or operate a bicycle on a highway or on any property where the operation of bicycles is permitted unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet as required by subsection (2).

Offence: Authorizing or knowingly permitting (specify) by parent or guardian (specify) person under 16 to ride on or operate (specify) bicycle without wearing required bicycle helmet

Section: 170 A (3)

Out of Court Settlement: \$128.75

May 2001	0	November 2001	0
June 2001	0	December 2001	0
July 2001	0	January 2002	0
August 2001	0	February 2002	0
September 2001	0	March 2002	0
October 2001	0	April 2002	0

SECTION 171 (1)

Motor Vehicle Act: Prohibited Conduct on Bicycle

The rider of a bicycle shall not allow the same to proceed in a highway by inertia momentum, with his feet removed from the pedals, nor shall such rider remove both hands from the handlebars while riding the bicycle nor practice any trick or fancy riding on a highway.

Offence: Riding bicycle in prohibited manner (specify)

Section: 171 (1)

Out of Court Settlement: \$117.25

May 2001	0	November 2001	0
June 2001	0	December 2001	0
July 2001	0	January 2002	0
August 2001	1	February 2002	0
September 2001	0	March 2002	0
October 2001	0	April 2002	0

SECTION 171 (2)

Motor Vehicle Act: No Bicycle on sidewalk

No person shall ride a bicycle, tricycle, or similar machine on a sidewalk, provided, nothing in this Section shall be deemed or construed to prevent the use of velocipedes or similar machines by children on a sidewalk, in a public square, park, city, or town.

Offence: Riding bicycle on sidewalk

Section: 171 (2)

Out of Court Settlement: \$117.25

May 2001	3	November 2001	0
June 2001	2	December 2001	0
July 2001	1	January 2002	0
August 2001	4	February 2002	0
September 2001	0	March 2002	0
October 2001	2	April 2002	1

SECTION 171 (3)

Motor Vehicle Act: Riding Bicycle on Highway

No person shall ride a bicycle on a highway except as near as practicable to the extreme right of the main traveled portion of the highway and no person shall ride a bicycle abreast of or generally parallel to another bicycle in motion on the highway except for the purpose of passing any such other bicycle.

Offence: Failing to ride bicycle on extreme right of highway

Section: 171 (3)

Out of Court Settlement: \$117.25

Offence: Failing to ride bicycle single file on highway

Section: 171 (3)

Out of Court Settlement: \$117.25

May 2001	1	November 2001	0
June 2001	0	December 2001	0
July 2001	1	January 2002	0
August 2001	0	February 2002	0
September 2001	0	March 2002	0
October 2001	0	April 2002	0