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Subject:

Agenda item - motorized bikes on sidewalks

Dear Maria,

I'd like to add the following item to the agenda for the November 25th meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

Motorized bicycles on sidewalks.

Recently, new kinds of "bicycles" have appeared that include both pedals and motors. These are sometimes driven on the sidewalk. Many of these "bicycles" have wheels that are smaller than 24 inches, the size specified by city bylaws as the maximum allowed to travel on the sidewalk.

This is clearly a distortion of the original intent of the bylaw, which was to allow children to cycle on the sidewalk.

I propose that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommend to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that the relevant bylaw be amended to add that no bicycle that includes a motor of any kind is allowed to travel on a sidewalk.

Additional information is available in the following newspaper article: http://www.thestar.com/GTA/Fixer/article/531574

Thank you,

Dylan Reid