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## About your Submission

**Topic of submission**

Safety on Harbour Passage

**Purpose for submission (what is the ask of council):**

To introduce rules for the use of electric bikes and scooters on Harbour Passage

**Executive summary**

Harbour Passage

I am a frequent user of Harbour Passage and consider it one of the gems of our city. However over the past year or so it has become a hazardous place to walk due to the dangers posed by the number of motorized vehicles and in particular the electric bikes and scooters that travel at high speeds without regard for pedestrians. The problem is exacerbated by the rental of e scooters that are often driven by inexperienced riders on machines that can easily exceed 40km/hr. I think it is time to put regulations in place similar to those imposed by other jurisdictions on multi use trails. Typically these include;

- 1) Restricting the e-bikes to 500watt and 'pedal assist' only, not permitting throttles.
- 2) A speed limit of say 15-20km/hr.
- 3) Require the use of an audible device such as a bell
- 4) Make it clear that pedestrians have right of way
- 5) Require all bike and scooters users to wear helmets and not use cell phones while riding.

Action is required to put rules in place and enforce them before there are more accidents and insurance claims against the city