

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS DATE: 2021 SEPTEMBER 1
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: SIMON LOPEZ – SPEED LIMIT SIGNS FOR EV BIKES
ITEM 1.3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE TO 2021 AUGUST 26 AND
NEW BUSINESS, COUNCIL 2021 AUGUST 30

Burnaby City Council, during the New Business portion of the 2021 August 30 Council meeting, made reference to Item 1.3 of the Council Correspondence package, received up to 2021 August 26, from Mr. Simon Lopez regarding speed limits for EV bikes.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Wang requested that this item be referred to the Traffic Safety Committee to address speed limits for EV bikes and all other alternate forms of transportation.

For your reference, a copy of the correspondence is attached.

Eva Prior
Acting Deputy City Clerk

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Mayor and Council

Name
Simon Lopez

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Comment
HI There

Im very concerned over the speed that a some of the EV bikes are traveling along the new rubber walkway that has been installed around most of Burnaby Central Park. You have very small children and seniors walking along the pathway with some (not all) EV bikes and mono-bikes hitting at least 30Kms to 50 Kms on the rubber walkway, especially on the Boundary Road side.

I was walking along the rubber walkway on the Boundary Road side of Burnaby Central park and a EV mono-bike passed me traveling at the same speed as the vehicles on Boundary Rd (50kms) I have witnessed this many times.

I spoke with a bylaw officer a few weeks ago and was told the speed limit is 10Km as marked in the internal trails of the park.

I would like the City of Burnaby to install 10Km maximum speed limit signs along the new rubber walkway. If you google news "EV bikes kills pedestrian" there are lots of news stories of incidents. I don't want to see my wonderful city of Burnaby in the news due to a pedestrian being hurt or killed by a high speed electric vehicle.

I phoned and left a message with the city of Burnaby on this matter a few months ago and there are no signs up yet.

I will continue with my speed limit sign request until it gets done. Burnaby City could be held liable if someone was hurt or killed by a high speed EV bike especially without any speed limits signs.

Response

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