

Halifax Cycling Coalition

The Halifax Cycling Coalition is an organization dedicated to improving cycling conditions and raising awareness of cycling issues in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The HCC believes that increased bicycle use has the potential to

- Reduce traffic congestion
- Reduce HRM infrastructure spending
- Improve our health
- Enhance our urban environment.

We want to change the circumstances that discourage bicycle use: inadequate cycling facilities, and lack of education for both cyclists and motorists.

We're currently looking for volunteers in various areas. Fill out the application on the back and become a member today. Join us in making Halifax a great cycling city.

Visit our website at www.cyclehalifax.ca for more information.

Talk to the City

HRM Cycling Web Page - www.halifax.ca/cycling/

Find out who your councilor is at <http://eservices.halifax.ca/districtLookup/>.

Write them an email today and let them know you want more focus on cycling issues.

Pothole Patrol

Is there a dangerous pothole on your cycling route? Have you seen a "wrong way" sewer grate or a "bike awareness" sign that needs repair? If so, contact HRM Services and let them know. It's up to us to keep the city informed on road conditions that affect our safety. Be sure to mention you are a cyclist. We need to let the city know we use the roads too!

HRM Services - 490-4000



Nova Scotia Traffic Laws for Bicycles

Interpretation

(i) a vehicle propelled by human power upon which or in which a person may ride and that has two tandem wheels either of which is 350 millimetres or more in diameter or that has four wheels any two of which are 350 millimetres or more in diameter but does not include a wheelchair, or

(ii) a vehicle propelled by human and mechanical power that is fitted with pedals that are operable at all times to propel the bicycle, that has the same wheel requirements as set out in subclause (i) and that has an attached motor driven by electricity not producing more than 500 watts or with a piston displacement of not more than 50 cubic centimetres and is incapable of providing further assistance when the vehicle attains a speed of thirty kilometres per hour on level ground;



Serial number on bicycle

No person shall deface, destroy or alter the serial or identification number of a bicycle.

Offence to ride on handlebar or cross bar

It shall be an offence for the operator of a bicycle when upon the street to carry any other person upon the handlebar, frame or tank of any such vehicle or side-saddle on any such vehicle, or for any person to so ride upon any such vehicle.

Offence to cling to moving vehicle

It shall be an offence for any person traveling upon a bicycle to cling to or attach himself or his vehicle to any other moving vehicle or street car upon a highway or for the driver of any such moving vehicle or street car to allow or permit any such person to cling to or attach himself or his vehicle to said moving vehicle or street car.

Requirement for bicycle helmet

No person shall ride on or operate a bicycle 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. A peace officer may seize and detain, for a period not to exceed thirty days, a bicycle that is being ridden on or operated by a person not wearing a helmet.

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 unless the person is wearing a bicycle helmet.

Offence

Every person who is sixteen years of age or older who violates a provision of this Section is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars.

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.

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.

Bicycle light

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted lamp on the front thereof visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 100 metres in front of the bicycle and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least 60 metres to the rear of such bicycle.



Halifax Cycling Coalition Membership Form

Nova Scotia Bicycle Laws

Memberships (3 Years): Payment options: Mail – Cheque Only / Cheque or cash accepted at general meetings or other HCC events.

\$5 (Regular) \$ Donation _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Or Email: _____

Disclaimer: All information collected is completely confidential and will only be used for HCC. The Halifax Cycling Coalition respects your right to privacy. HCC general meetings dates and times are subject to change. For up to date information visit our website www.cyclehalifax.ca.

Mail to Halifax Cycling Coalition ---



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Membership Survey

Age: Under 18 | 18 - 30 | 31 - 40 | 41 - 50 | 51 - 60 | 60+

How long have you been cycling in the HRM? 1-2 Years 3-5 Years 6-10 Years +10 Years

What issues are important to you? What would you like to see the HCC focus on?

If you ride you bike to work, please answer the following questions.

Starting Postal Code _____ / Ending Postal Code _____ / Distance _____ km / Average Time _____

What main factor most prevents you from riding a bike to work more often? (Weather, distance, time taken, safety, lack of end facilities, etc)

Main routes taken (be as general or as specific as you like)

List the main choke points on your route? (Unsafe or difficult areas)

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