

November 24, 2010

Law Amendments Committee  
c/o Gordon Hebb, Q.C.  
Legislative Council  
Nova Scotia Legislature

**Attention: Law Amendments Committee**  
**Bill 93 Amendments to Motor Vehicle Act**

I agree with "Bill 93" and I think it is a great start, but I also believe it should go a bit farther. Here is my list of ideas:

1. License all bicycles.
2. Install all license plates on the bicycles, so motorists and pedestrians will be able to read them from a distance (this would be good, in case of accidents or theft of the cycles).
3. All cycles should be equipped with a rear fender and maybe a front fender.
4. The end of the rear fender should reach the rear axle and be equipped with a red reflector, or a flashing red light on the rear of the seat, or in a position, from where it can be seen from a distance.
5. The front of the cycle should have a visible white light, so it can be seen by pedestrians and on coming vehicles.
6. Cyclists should wear reflective clothing or reflective arm and leg bands.
7. All cyclists should be made to signal all turns and stops, either electrically or manually.
8. All cyclists should be made to follow bicycle traffic laws (to be made up at a latter date). A few of these laws should be:
  - a. Full stop at all stop signs and traffic lights must be obeyed,
  - b. No weaving in and out of traffic,
  - c. Follow all bicycle routes where available,
  - d. No riding between lanes of traffic, at anytime,
  - e. No riding on side walks. (Exceptions should be made for young children).

I believe that adopting all or some of these ideas would make cycling much safer. Also cyclists would definitely get more respect from motor vehicle operators and pedestrians.

Motor vehicle operators, in many cases do not like bicycles or motorcycles, I know, because I have used both many times in my life. I find the best way to get



along, is to respect each others space and one day, we may find that 40% of all traffic in this Province will be bicycles, as it is in Denmark.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity,

Sincerely,

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