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MINUTE ITEM

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary meeting of the
Works and Infrastructure Committee

Thursday 28 September 2017
Commencing at 9.00am
Council Chamber

Civic House

110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

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Nelson City Council, Works and Infrastructure Staff, Councillors.

Submission to Works and Infrastructure Committee, 28/9/17.

NZ Post Paxster Electric Quad Bike deliveries, proposal for their usage around Nelson City.

Citizens are welcome to use our footpaths, ie people using their feet, walkers and runners, mobility scooter users are also welcome, also the hearing/sight impaired, and those recovering from illness and injury, plus families with children and prams, and citizens exercising with their dogs. Citizens have a legal right to unencumbered access on footpaths.

Walking is one of the most popular of recreational pursuits.

'Our street footpaths for citizens are under attack'

Walkers around our streets are now faced with skateboarders, scooters, plenty of bikers (soon legal maybe up to 14 year olds), plus in the central area we have intrusive 'flag signs' and 'sign boards' etc to negotiate. Many vehicles, boats, trailers etc. park on our footpath reserve areas.

Citizens are now faced with the possibility of NZ Post 'quad bike' Paxsters roaming streets delivering mail, pamphlets and soon to be 'on line' packaged goods.

Some streets have legal footpath reserve area up to 3.5m, some examples of footpath width, Upper Saxton Road 1.4m down to 1.2m, Covent Drive 1.4m down to 1.2m, Suffolk Road 1.2m down to 1m, Kingsford Drive 1.10m, Manson Av 1.10m. There are a number of places this footpath width is down to 1.6m, 1.4m and even 1.2m, with overhanging growth from gardens, parts of Champion Road have a footpath as narrow as 1.2m.

Presently there are a number of courier firms carrying out delivery of online goods, offering very good service, including NZ Post. Pamphlet deliveries in the main are handled by our young people keen to earn some good pocket money. Mail deliveries are by NZ Post (cycle), PX Service (motor bike), and personal 'hand drop' items from residents. The Nelson Mail delivery is excellent, handled by either motor bike service or vehicle service.

Paxster width 1.2m, are they to be NZTA road registered as a quad bike, are helmets compulsory ? Would there be a commercial fee levied by NCC to use public footpaths in this way ?

I do not think it is safe or appropriate for NZ Post to be given approval to use quad bikes (Paxsters) on footpaths, this is simply a commercial enterprise and undertaking, to move into deliveries of online goods, plus pamphlets and the usual mail, to the detriment of compliant footpath users.

This will be an intrusion.

Regards, Malcolm Saunders, Tui Haven, 18 Warwick Street, Richmond, 544 5053.

cc. Tasman District Council Works Committee, 23/8/17, A4A Group Meeting TDC, 8/9/17.

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