

Damage Caused by Ebike Riders

Electric motorbikes are a popular way to get around; however, we are experiencing significant damage and vandalism to our parks and trails caused by a few ebike riders who are using the electric bikes as if they were motorbikes, using the torque to rip up our parks and trails.

The new Maple Glen trail worksite was damaged last week, and this senseless vandalism is also an issue in the Parksville Community Park where riders are ripping up turf, riding through gardens and vegetated areas not meant for any bicycle. This same damage has been caused to trails and off trail areas in the Parksville Wetlands and Springwood Park. The City's bylaw compliance officers, security patrols and the RCMP have been made aware of the damage.

We are also concerned ebikes are being ridden at dangerous speeds in pedestrian areas. We encourage residents to report damage or riders tearing up trails to the RCMP.

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home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*