

Bicycle Governance



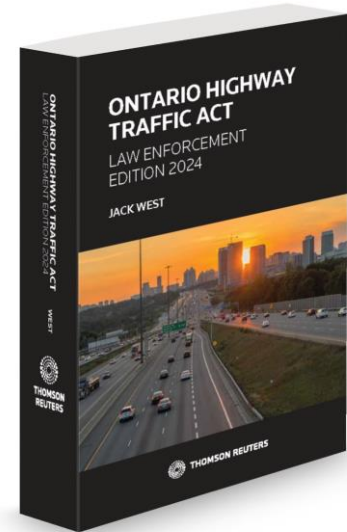
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Bicycle Governance (Provincial)

- The Highway Traffic Act addresses required bike equipment, cyclist behavior and motorist behavior around bikes
 - Bicycles are vehicles that can use any roadway other than limited access highways
 - Lights, reflectors, brakes and bells are required
 - No riding in PXO or crosswalks
 - Helmets required for under 18s
 - Cyclists must identify themselves to police when asked
 - Addresses hand signals, towing, passengers, riding on shoulders
 - Addresses motorist behavior arounds bikes - 1m passing law, dooring
 - Cyclists to keep right when practicable to facilitate passing by faster vehicles



Highway Traffic Act related to Bike Lanes

Section 154 (1) (c)

“Where a highway has been divided into clearly marked lanes for traffic, **any lane may be designated for slowly moving traffic**, traffic moving in a particular direction or **classes or types of vehicles** and, despite section 141, where a lane is so designated and official signs indicating the designation are erected, **every driver shall obey the instructions on the official signs**. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s



Bicycle Governance (Brampton)

- [By-law Link](#)
- By-law appendix 93-93 lists streets with bike lanes
- Current bylaws date back to 2011 and include:
 - No sidewalk riding for bikes with wheels over 50cm in diameter
 - Hands and feet on pedals and handlebars except for signalling
 - No carrying bags on handlebars
 - Ride single file, as near to the right as practicable and exercise care when passing
 - No motor assisted bikes on recreational trails and sidewalks



ATAC By-law Update Recommendations

- **ATAC has made recommendations to update bike related By-laws**
 - awaiting staff review, and presentation to Council
- e-bike recommendations
- Not duplicating items covered in the HTA
- Removing the single file requirement
- Change the sidewalk riding prohibition to reflect age rather than wheel size
- Defining where different types of e-bikes can be operated
- Yield to loading transit vehicles on right