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**Subject:** Use the Public Roads: You Better be Licensed and Insured!

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Mayor and Council Members  
City of Hamilton

please consider....

Driving in your local town or city has always been a challenge, but since the pandemic our roads have become stiffing, overloaded, encrusted with construction stops, and one other item. Yes you have seen them driving on our walkways, pathways, sidewalks and local roads. Motorized scooters, wheelchairs, mini bikes, adult bikes of every type. I once saw a motorized bike carrying a reasonably large chair. Am I complaining? You bet I am.

While your driving you look all ways, using all mirrors available. At least that is what your suppose to be doing. Added to the mix are hordes of people at cross walks, people walking out from behind parked cars along the road and the crazy items mentioned above. You cannot license and insure a person who is walking can you. Wish we could. The most distinct and common accident on our local roads happen when some child, senior or adult sprints out onto the road from a side walk. Some times there is no time to stop. Injury and death happen and lives are changed forever.

1. May I suggest two solutions that will benefit all, as well as the drivers and riders of these motorized vehicles. And that is the point. If you go onto the road and have a motor in/on your vehicle it should be licensed and insured. Car drivers need not be the only ones carrying the cost of using our roads. Driving/riding is a privilege that should be paid for, since your using a publicly managed road policed and maintained by the locality. Half the motorized vehicles mentioned are made in China, which means there are no warranties or guarantees they will perform to North American Standards. Furthermore, those who drive or ride on these need to be properly trained to use them. It's all about safety for all.

2, The parking of vehicles on the side of roads during the day should be disallowed. Far to many people take chances trying to get to the other side of the road, and those drivers in vehicles often unprepared for these spontaneous jump outs. Sure there is not enough parking place for our cars, but that is not the locals fault. You need to plan your visit and parking options. Simple. I bought a home with a long drive way accepting up to six cars. Preplanning works. This may upset you. But think about the latest fatality in a collision caused by a street jumper. Could be a child, a senior or your neighbor perhaps.

These ideas can be initiated in your local. Why not? As of June 15th Serbia has instituted a law requiring all electric scooters and travel devices that participate in traffic to be licensed and their drivers to be trained in all aspects of the Traffic Safety Agency. How about it folks?

Public roads are not a place for bikes or motorized vehicles other than cars and trucks. If these products should be allowed, they must be licensed and insured for personal injury and collision. You want to use the roads, pay up.

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