

To the Mayor and Council,

I am a part time resident of Whistler, residing at Blackcomb Greens. I am writing concerning the bike and pedestrian paths in the Whistler vicinity. Last week I was in Whistler during Crankworks, riding near the village and was almost hit by a fat tire e-bike moving around 50 kilometers per hour. This is much too fast for the trails and should have been on the highway at the speeds they were traveling. I am from Washington State and have been coming to Whistler since the 1969/70 season. I am 72 years old and want to ski into my 90's, provided no major injuries. I stopped riding the trails at Whistler about seven years ago due to bad knees, particularly when pedaling on hills, so an e-bike with pedal assist to help me save my knees on the uphill parts of the trails, I really want to get some exercise out of riding and just love being outdoors.

The ridership has changed over the last seven years and folks seem to have lost the sense that we all need to share the trails and ride at a reasonable speed. Maybe a trail max speed of 24-25 kilometers per hour (with free phone apps for bikes you can see your speed) would be helpful for the majority of people using the trails.

Best Regards,
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