

AGENDA

Bike St. John's Task Force

July 27, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A, City Hall

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Minutes of June 30, 2016

4. Delegation

5. Business Arising

- a. Items held for future updates:
 - i. Engage Page
 - ii. Quick win project candidate list – Long Pond Trail, T’Railway upgrade, Car free Sunday
 - iii. Collaboration with Environmental Advisory Committee
 - iv. NL Road User Guide

6. New Business

- a. The Bike Parking in Metered Parking issue (see attached)
- b. Follow up on Airport Heights Traffic Calming
- c. Priority Setting:
- d. Possible routes for evening rides

7. Other Business

8. Date of Next Meeting

8. Adjournment

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No bikes allowed in metered parking spots

Man with bicycle and trailer says he pays and should be allowed



Ricky Saunders stands beside his bike and trailer parked at a meter in downtown St. John's.

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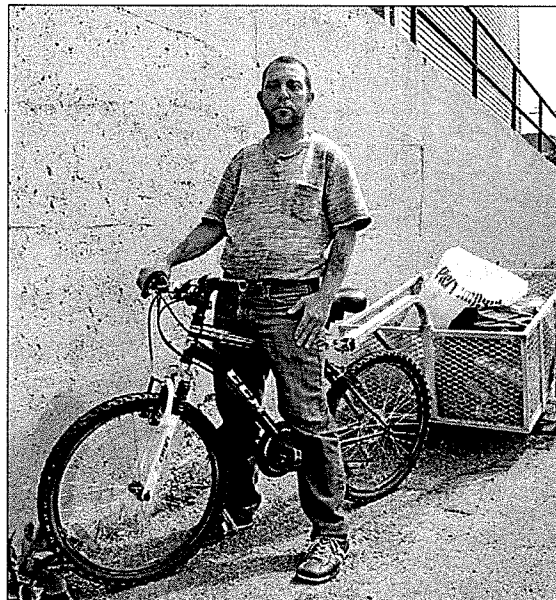
A man who has been picking up discarded recyclables for 30 years says he's been told by the City of St. John's he can't park his bike in metered spaces, even if he's paying.

Ricky Saunders has been picking up after the city's litterbugs since he was 14 years old. A couple of years ago, he had a bike trailer made by Enactus MUN that has helped him cover more ground. Saunders, a former powerlifter, regularly rides his bike everywhere from Petty Harbour to Mount Pearl to the east and of St. John's, picking up cans and bottles and cashing them in at the Green Depot on O'Leary Avenue.

When he's working downtown, he sometimes parks in a metered parking space, as his bike and trailer are about the length of a vehicle. But Wednesday he said a city worker told him he can't do that.

"I pay the meter and I'm still not allowed to park there," he said, adding he was told he should park around the corner on the sidewalk.

He said he was not surprised,



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Ricky Saunders uses his bike and trailer to get around as he picks up recyclables. He said he was told by a City of St. John's worker that he can't park in metered parking spaces.

my bike away from me," he said. A statement from Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth referenced the city's Parking Meter Regulations, which prohibit several

The bylaw defines a motor vehicle as "a vehicle propelled, driven or controlled otherwise than by a muscular power, other than a trailer or a vehicle running upon fixed rails." A motorcycle is defined as "a motor vehicle that (i) has steering handle bars completely constrained from rotating in relation to the axle of 1 wheel in contact with the ground; (ii) is designed to travel on not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground; and (iii) in the case of a 3 wheel vehicle that (A) does not have as an integral part of the vehicle an enclosure around the occupant, and (B) requires the operator to sit astride the vehicle, but does not include a competition motor cycle, mini bicycle, moped, motor driven bicycle, a passenger car, a truck or a multi-purpose vehicle."

Saunders plans to do a big collection downtown after the George Street Festival, which runs July 28-Aug. 3. He said he won't park in the metered spots anymore.

"I don't want to get my bike taken away from me. That's all. And I should be allowed to park there. If I pay the meter, I pay the meter."