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Council to amend roading, parking and traffic bylaw

The Invercargill City Council is consulting with the public to make changes to its Roothing, Parking and Traffic Bylaw.

Council's Roothing Manager Tom Greenwood said Council was proposing to make the following amendments to its Bylaw 2008/4 – Roothing, Parking and Traffic:

1. A schedule where a ban on Wheeled Recreational Devices (including skateboards) within the City Centre and parts of Bluff applies.
2. Clarify parking restriction for Leet Street (Kirkwood Lane to Doon Street).
3. Impose speed limits on four bridges.
4. Provision to amend parking and speed restrictions by Council resolution, publicly notified.

The Bylaw, which came into force on July 1, 2008, specifies how the community can use and occupy Council's roads.

Mr Greenwood said Council's Control of Skateboarding Bylaw 2000 banned the use of skateboards and other wheeled devices in the City Centre and part of Bluff.

However, this was revoked when Bylaw 2008/4 came into force. While it did make provision for wheeled recreational devices to be banned, no schedule of areas was included, he said.

"There have been a number of complaints from the public regarding the nuisance value of skateboarders when using footpaths in the city centre and therefore the proposed amendment would generally reinstate the 2000 ban area," Mr Greenwood said.

Areas where Wheeled Recreational Devices are forbidden:

1. The area within Wachner Place.
2. The area surrounding the Civic Administration Building and the Civic Theatre Complex.
3. Car Park Building in Leven Street.

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Areas where Wheeled Recreational devices are forbidden on the footpath:

1. Dee Street from Clyde Street to Spey Street.
2. Tay Street from The Crescent to Deveron Street.
3. Deveron Street from Tay Street to Spey Street.
4. Kelvin Street from Tay Street to Spey Street.
5. Esk Street from Dee Street to Deveron Street.
6. Don Street from Dee Street to Deveron Street.
7. Spey Street from Dee Street to Deveron Street.
8. The Crescent.
9. The south side of Gore Street, Bluff from Henderson Street to Slaney Street.

The proposed change to the Parking section of the Bylaw was to clarify the parking limit in one section of Leet Street (between Kirkwood Lane and Doon Street).

Mr Greenwood said a parking limit of P150 ensured that there was a turnover of parked vehicles in an area identified to have high demand.

Council would also like to reduce the speed limits on four of its bridges for the structural safety of the bridges until they were renewed, he said.

The bridges proposed to have their speed limit reduce to 10 km/hr are:

- Awarua Bay/Muddy Creek
- Linds-Underwood Overbridge
- Garrets Road/Mokotua
- Staunton Road/Waikivi – 2

Mr Greenwood said the other change Council would like to make to its Bylaw was the provision to amend parking and speed restrictions by Council resolution, publically notified.

“It takes three months to amend a Bylaw which limits Council’s response time to changes in parking and traffic behaviour. A number of local authorities include in their Bylaws, a clause which permits relatively minor changes by way of a Council resolution, publicly notified.”

The two areas where this procedure would assist Council are regarding changes to speed limits and parking and stopping restrictions.

A full Statement of Proposal has been prepared and is available for inspection at the Helpdesk of the Invercargill City Council, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill, at the Bluff Service Centre, and at the Invercargill Public Library. Copies are available on loan from the Libraries.

The Statement of Proposal may also be found on the Invercargill City Council website www.icc.govt.nz.

The public have until 5pm on Friday, September, 18 to put forward their written submission.

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