



Office of the Commissioner
Transportation Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Committee of the Whole

From: Paul Jankowski
Commissioner of Transportation Services

Date: September 20, 2019

Re: Ministry of Transportation Proposed Electric Scooter Pilot Framework

This memorandum provides an update on York Region's comments to the Ministry of Transportation on the proposed electric scooter pilot framework.

The Ministry of Transportation solicited feedback on the proposed regulatory and policy framework for an electric scooter pilot on Ontario roads

On August 28, the Ministry of Transportation posted information and requested feedback on the provincial regulatory registry for the proposed regulatory and policy framework for a kick-style electric scooter pilot on Ontario roads. The window for commenting was short with feedback to the Ministry of Transportation requested by September 12, 2019.

The proposed pilot framework includes basic principles such as the length of the pilot, which roads electric scooters may operate on, minimum age, safety requirements, maximum speed limits and power outputs. There is also a requirement for municipalities to remit any data to the province that is collected during the pilot.

Staff reached out to local and neighbouring municipalities to understand initial concerns and to align a collective response

Within the short consultation period staff received comments from some local and neighbouring municipalities. The attached correspondence was forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation on September 12, 2019 that captured the Region's comments on the proposed regulatory and policy framework (Attachment 1). Should Council have any additional comments, staff will forward them to the Province when appropriate.

Staff will continue to work with local municipal staff on the implementation of any regulatory and policy framework for electric scooters

Staff will continue to work with the local municipalities on the implementation of any provincial regulations associated with the use of e-scooters on Ontario roads.

Conclusion

Staff provided comments to meet the Ministry of Transportation deadline but will also communicate any additional comments from Council.

For more information, please contact Brian Titherington, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Planning at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75901.

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