

**City Council, Advisory Committee, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

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Committee : Accessibility Advisory Committee
Comité: Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité

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Re: E-Scooters Pilot Project Update

Moved by Member Murray Gallant

WHEREAS, in Ontario, the use of e-scooters is prohibited, subject to any pilot projects adopted under *O.Reg 389/19 – Pilot Project – Electric Kick-Scooters*.

WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) has been actively engaged on the question of trialing e-scooters in Ottawa, including during the 2020 and 2021 pilot projects;

WHEREAS the AAC has consistently raised concerns about the serious safety risks that e-scooters pose to disabled pedestrians and seniors in Ottawa;

WHEREAS the AAC has considered the results of the 2020 and 2021 pilot projects;

WHEREAS the results of the 2020 and 2021 pilot projects demonstrate that, despite efforts by City staff and e-scooter providers, the safety risk posed by e-scooters cannot be properly managed or regulated;

WHEREAS e-scooters are inherently dangerous to disabled pedestrians and seniors in Ottawa;

WHEREAS the presence of e-scooters in Ottawa represents a barrier to accessibility and reduces disability inclusion;

WHEREAS the presence of e-scooters in Ottawa will not move the city towards full accessibility by 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The AAC advises City Council not conduct any more pilots that would allow e-scooters to be used in any public places in Ottawa, whether the e-scooter is owned by, borrowed by, or rented by the rider;

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the AAC advises City Council to decline any further participation in *O.Reg 389/19 – Pilot Project – Electric Kick-Scooters*;

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the AAC further advises City Council and city staff to take any measure necessary to restore the prohibition on the use of e-scooters in any public places effective immediately, whether the e-scooter is owned by, borrowed by, or rented by the rider; and

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the AAC further advises City Council and city staff to dedicate adequate, ongoing resources for the real-time enforcement of the prohibition on the use of e-scooters in any public places in Ottawa.