

May 19, 2009

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Subject: Motorized Bicycles on Sidewalks

**Recommendations:**

**The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that:**

- 1. The General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be requested to report on the necessary amendments to City By-laws to prohibit the use of “power-assisted bicycles” on City sidewalks, and that the report include alternative ways to enforce the proposed by-law.**
- 2. The General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, be requested to report on potential amendments to City By-laws to address the challenge of adult cyclists riding bicycles with a wheel diameter of less than 61 centimetres on City sidewalks.**

**Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee wanted to know if motor scooters, such as Vespas, are allowed to park on City sidewalks and what enforcement measures are in place to ensure adherence to the relevant by-laws. Police Constable Stephanie Borun, Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services, agreed to provide the answers to the June 23, 2009 meeting of the Committee.

**Background:**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee on May 19, 2009, considered an e-mail from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, requesting that the appropriate by-law be amended so that no bicycle that includes a motor of any kind is allowed to travel on a sidewalk.



The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered an e-mail from Jennifer Hyland, addressed to Dylan Reid, regarding Bill 126 – Road Safety Act.

City Clerk

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Item 3

Attachment

- c. General Manager, Transportation Services  
City Solicitor  
Police Constable Stephanie Borun, Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services