

September 30, 2019

Mayor Tory and Members of Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: Agenda Item IE7.13 – E-Scooter Oversight and Management

I am writing to you today on behalf of our members in the Entertainment District BIA regarding the recommendations of Infrastructure and Environment Committee on E-Scooter Oversight and Management.

The BIA appreciates the proactive approach of the City in addressing this file and devising a program to enable the oversight and management of e-scooters on City roadways. We support the recommendation of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to temporarily ban e-scooters on public sidewalks and pedestrian ways – including their use and parking, storing or leaving them on public property – until a regulatory and permitting framework is presented.

The BIA is very interested in working with the City on the planning of potential docking stations and/or other alternatives for keeping E-scooters organized.

On behalf of our members we support the following policy objectives:

1. E-scooters should be restricted from operating on City sidewalks and pedestrian ways
2. E-scooters should not be parked, stored, or left on City sidewalks, streets, or pedestrian ways
3. Parking of E-Scooters should be restricted to designated private property areas where agreements exist between property owner and e-scooter operator.

Thank you for your time on this important matter.

Sincere regards,



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