



Mayor John Tory and Councillors
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W.
Toronto, ON,
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December 11, 2021

Dear Mayor Tory,

RE: IE26.12 Automated Micro-Utility Devices - Accessibility Feedback

We are writing to express our opposition to all motions suggesting the outright ban of micro-utility devices in the City of Toronto.

We wholeheartedly support the need for accessible sidewalks, but we believe this should come through reasonable regulation, and a city-wide study on the pedestrian public realm (i.e. construction hoarding on sidewalks). Not by banning a nascent industry that has potential to help the city in its fight against a common concern to vibrant city life: traffic congestion.

Last mile micro-utility devices have the ability to reduce larger delivery vehicles like cars, trucks, and mopeds from being necessary for short-distance trips in a way that supports fundamental strategic imperatives for the city:

- Keep Toronto moving with safe, affordable and accessible transportation choices for people and goods.
- Tackle climate change and build resilience

Tiny Mile, a Toronto-based company that employs Canadian software engineering talent and drives innovation in the city, has in their own words, “travelled over 100,000 kilometers without a single injury, incident or accident.” There is a clear disconnect with this track record and a motion for an outright ban. We believe Toronto City Staff needs to support this industry by proposing smart regulation for the industry while monitoring success through a short municipal pilot, where the City can then revisit broader regulation.

Thanks,

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