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To: <u>Councillor Grimes; Councillor Carroll; Clerk</u>

Subject: Micro-Utility Devices IE26.12

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To whom this may concern:

I am a startup founder who is tired of tight laws that impede innovation in Canada. I am writing to encourage you to repeal the ban on micro-utility devices. This is bad for the people you are trying to protect with this ban, it will hurt small businesses that rely on these services and it will damage the reputation of our City. I have personally interacted with these robots several times as a customer of a local restaurant, as someone whose kids have been delighted to "meet them" on the sidewalk and as an example of how our city embraces innovation. I have encountered these robots while with people with limited mobility and vision and not once have they been put in danger by having these robots on the sidewalk.

Before we take drastic action could we engage with all stakeholders to build a city that supports innovation, small business, less congestion and joy?

Kind regards, Christine

