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10th floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Att.: Matthew Green

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

The Leaside Residents Association (formerly Leaside Property Owners' Association) wishes to support the Staff report and analysis regarding the use of e-scooters on Toronto streets, to be debated on April 28, 2021.

We have serious safety and liability concerns about e-scooters. In cities where these scooters are permitted we have noted reports of high accident rates (for pedestrians and cycles, as well as car traffic), frequent sidewalk use by E-scooter drivers, and problems with discarded e-scooters across sidewalks.

One of our LRA Directors has lengthy professional experience in the insurance industry, and reports that there are multiple liability issues for the City, the scooter user, pedestrians, and scooter rental companies. He urges a serious examination of all aspects before e-scooter use is considered for use in Toronto.

We urge you to decline the option to participate in O.Reg 389/19 – Pilot Project – Kick-Scooters, and to recommend that City Council do so as well.

Thank you,

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