

HARBORD VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of Toronto City Council

Re: MM5.7 - Micro-mobility Couriers

The SafeStreets Committee of the Harbord Village Residents' Association endorses MM5.7, put forward by Councillor Saxe, and endorsed by Councillor Carroll, which requests that the Toronto Police Services Board take action against illegal behaviour by couriers using motor-assisted micro-mobility vehicles. In particular, we urge that the TPSB take action against those who ride their motor-assisted micro-mobility vehicles on sidewalks as this has become a pervasive problem for pedestrians.

In making this endorsement, we make the following additional comments:

1. that such enforcement become a permanent part of TPSB policy, and not just a quickly forgotten short-term "blitz";
2. that the City of Toronto and the TPSB approach the provincial Ministry of Transportation to coordinate policies regarding greater regulation of such motor-assisted micro-mobility vehicles for commercial purposes;
3. that the city of Toronto and the TPSB make a greater effort to enforce regulations and laws pertaining to ALL motorized vehicles, application of which fell off precipitously in 2013 when they disbanded the enforcement unit and has continued to decline.

We applaud the initiative demonstrated by Councillors Saxe and Carroll with regard to this important community safety issue, and we hope that City Council approves their motion.

Safe Streets Committee
Harbord Village Residents' Association