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Date: May 9, 2023  
To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members  
Re: E-scooter Pilot Program

**Recommendation,**

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director of Environment and Climate to report back at the October 25, 2023, Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on a framework for an E-Scooter Pilot Project, for consideration of inclusion in building a comprehensive “Active Transportation Network” for the City of Toronto.
2. The report is to include:
  - a. Insurance;
  - b. Indemnification;
  - c. Utilization of City resources, including police and municipal licensing;
  - d. Consulting with other North American cities on how they deal with accessibility issues;
  - e. Designated parking areas for e-scooters;
  - f. Banning e-scooters from public sidewalks;
  - g. Banning e-scooters from public parks and pathways; and
  - h. Capping the number of e-scooters which private companies can deploy during the pilot project.

**Background**

In January 2020, the province began a five-year Electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters, pilot project allowing municipalities to regulate the use of e-scooters. [Electric kick-style scooters \(e-scooters\) | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/gov/electric-kick-style-scooters). The City of Toronto has an opportunity to participate by prioritizing active transportation programs, to include e-scooters as part of the solution for moving individuals around our city.

Toronto chose not to partake in the pilot project, which I have heard from many members of the public, is placing Toronto at a disadvantage. They have told me this is a missed opportunity to not pilot e-scooters as an addition to our active transportation programs, adding to our commitment to the cycling network plan.

The Region of Durham, on April 27, 2022, passed [By-law 23-2022 \(External link\)](#) “*permitting the use of e-scooters on Regional roads. As a result, e-scooters are now permitted on regional roads in Pickering, but not on City roads. Staff have drafted the Electric Kick Scooter By-law to ensure there is a consistent approach to e-Scooter use across all of Pickering.*”

On April 6, 2023, the City of Brampton issued a press release [City of Brampton | News | Media Release](#), launching Brampton's first ever E-scooter program, introducing as stated in the release; “*connecting residents with another sustainable active transportation option*”

I ask for your support to review a framework to initiate a pilot project to allow the City of Toronto to participate in the pilot for the regulation of e-scooters.

Key Links:

[O. Reg. 389/19: PILOT PROJECT - ELECTRIC KICK-SCOOTERS \(ontario.ca\)](#)

[City of Brampton | News | Media Release](#)

[Electric Scooters | Let's Talk Pickering \(letstalkpickering.ca\)](#)

[E-scooter firm Bird Global launches in GTA — but Toronto still a ‘no’ | The Star](#)

Sincerely,

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