

Large Multi-Passenger Pedalled Vehicles (Quadricycles) Pilot - Supplementary Report

Date: April 16, 2024

To: City Council

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: All

SUMMARY

At its meeting on March 28, 2024, Economic and Community Development Committee considered item EC11.3 - Large Multi-Passenger Pedalled Vehicles (Quadricycles) Pilot. Among the recommendations adopted by Committee was that City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking by adding a new section 950-204B, which states, "No person shall operate, park, store or leave a large quadricycle on a sidewalk under any conditions."

The City moved its parking, standing, and stopping offences into the administrative penalty regime and out of the court system several years ago. Accordingly, the offences of "park", "store" and "leave" under the proposed new section 950-204B require an associated penalty amount and entries into Schedule A, Table 10: Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, as found in City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 610, Penalties, Administration of.

This report recommends amendments to Chapter 610, Penalties, Administration of which will define administrative penalty amounts for any person found to park, store or leave a large quadricycle on a sidewalk. Introducing this by-law will help to ensure that large quadricycle operators do not obstruct the public right-of-way or create unsafe conditions on sidewalks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services and Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards, recommend that:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 610, Penalties, Administration of, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to the supplementary report (April 16, 2024) from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no current or known future year financial impacts arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial implications as identified in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 15 and 16, 2022, City Council adopted 2022GL31.9, Large Multi-Passenger Pedalled Vehicles (Quadricycles) Pilot, confirming Council's decision to opt-in to O.Reg. 411/22: Pilot Project - Large Quadricycles made under the Highway Traffic Act; making amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to recognize large quadricycles as a type of vehicle; and making amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licencing, to create conditions for large quadricycles to be licensed as pedicabs. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.GL31.9>

COMMENTS

Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 611/06: Administrative Penalties to the City of Toronto Act, 2006, “the purpose of the system of administrative penalties established by the City shall be to assist the City in regulating the flow of traffic and use of land, including highways, by promoting compliance with its by-laws respecting the parking, standing or stopping of motor vehicles”. Pursuant to Regulation 611/06, the amount of an administrative penalty established by the City shall (a) not be punitive in nature; and (b) not exceed the amount reasonably required to promote compliance with a designated by-law.

This report recommends that a penalty of \$150.00 be charged to anyone found to park, store or leave a large quadricycle on a sidewalk. This penalty amount is consistent with those assigned to similar offences in Chapter 610, Penalties, Administration of, Schedule A (e.g. penalties for parking, storing, or leaving a micro-utility device on a sidewalk; stopping any vehicle on or over a sidewalk or footpath, and; leaving a bicycle/cargo power-assisted bicycle/similar vehicle on a highway), and is commensurate with the seriousness of the offence.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 610, Penalties,
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