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Subject:

FW: Scooter program

Dear Mayor and Council,

I recently read about the city's plan to apply for the e-scooter program in our city. I feel that this is a bad idea at this time. There are many safety concerns that need to be considered.

As noted by counselor Flynn, there is very little infrastructure in our city to safely allow the use of bicycles, let alone scooters. I see many scooter users on sidewalks on the roads and jumping back and forth between the two, wherever they are comfortable. This makes them very unpredictable for motorists and pedestrians alike.

E-scooters come in a variety of sizes and abilities. Many of the products on the market can exceed speeds of 60 km an hour. Who will be ensuring that the scooters used on our roads are safe to use, and in compliance with provincial guidelines? Currently it's the wild west out on the streets. I see young children and oversized overpowered scooters ripping around town with no apparent regulation. Is this one more task we will be asking the RCMP to regulate?

The cities that are successfully implementing e-scooter and e-bike programs have well established bike lanes, that make using these vehicles safe and efficient.

Until there is well established non-motorized infrastructure in town, I feel it is unsafe to add yet another form of unregulated transportation to our streets.

Thank you for your time

Jim Maybee