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Dear mayor and council

Recently while enjoying my daily Segway ride on the Nickomekyl trail, I was accosted by a group of your bylaw ^{22 (3) (9)} and 1 policeman and informed of your ludicrous bylaw regarding their usage in city parks and trails. I realize that these uncommon futuristic military grade vehicles could appear dangerous to the uninitiated and understand that uninformed inexperienced people with little or no practical experience riding one might tend to create this knee jerk overreaction out of concern for public safety because these vehicles do defy logic. Well, I assure you these fears are irrational and unfounded. Additionally, by setting the most EV Guinness records in history, my life mission is to showcase to the world that Canada is embracing electric vehicles, by building bike lanes, and shared pathways for all to enjoy as a practical alternative to fossil fuels in a beneficial and globally responsible way, and this action only serves to insidiously undermine my ability to do that. Ever since I set my 1st GWR in 2012 it has become my moral obligation and civic duty to not only ride responsibly, pressure others to do so too, and always set a good example but also to request a reconsideration of this outright closed minded, prejudicial, Segway park ban which is negatively affecting my ability to develop our mission statement, or my right to freedom of movement and is causing me great mental anguish, because it is effectively thwarting my efforts to leave wherever I go just a little better than the way I found it. It also diminishes my quality of life to travel efficiently or interact with the people intimately in and of these wonderful spaces without negatively affecting anyone else's right to, including the wildlife because it's not intrusive to them either, and causes no damage to the trails. Trails that in fact are ideally suited for maximum safety and enjoyment due to flat surfaces and no hazardous obstacles. In other provinces the Segway has been allowed to be used anywhere as a mobility vehicle under the same rules as mobility scooters primarily for persons with disabilities such as myself. But Segway operators tend to have more acute cognitive awareness and much greater visibility, and at the cost of \$8500 new, more likely to be of a more fiscally responsible socioeconomic demographic. I am a senior citizen who despite my disabilities, actively defines that group and I remain adamant that these vehicles, when responsibly operated, pose no greater significant risk than a bicycle or scooter and are definitely safe enough to be operated even in crowds of people (As most of you have witnessed personally) since they are infinitely controllable because they are so intuitive, becoming one with the operator, take up no greater space, and have no sharp edges or protrusions to hurt anyone including the operator. I have used mine in grocery stores. Everything is rubber coated or flexible plastic including the handle grips and big harmless balloon tires. Plus, there is a gear noise which makes people aware I'm approaching from at least 100 feet away. And I can verbally notify them as I slow down to pass safely since I don't want to hurt anybody else or myself which in fact would be the more likely of the two. In addition to that, at 112 bs, they weigh roughly half that of a mobility scooter and have the exact same max speed, 17 kph, roughly the same as one can run on foot or the avg speed of a bicycle, much less than an E-bikes 32 kph. Offering less than half the

kilonewtons in the unlikely event of a collision. But are allowed despite being less safe in the event of said collision because they have many hazardous protrusions such as brake handles or other hardware including handlebars kickstands axles and pedals. And are allowed to be ridden in these areas which is also prejudicial. Also, these vehicles eliminate my subservience to the oil industry. My Segway is the most efficient means of transport on the planet because it gets me 40 km on 26 cents, that's cheaper than walking which due to muscle death in my right leg I am no longer able to do more than a short distance. But I can safely control my Segway very well as witnessed by members of this very council in the community on several occasions. So this effectively prevents my ability to enjoy the parks and trails as I so much enjoy doing because it gets me off the couch and into the fresh air and helps me socialise with people who love seeing me ride it, and allows me to educate them because so many ask and almost nobody but idiots complain, does nothing to abate my mental and physical disabilities when you pile on a legal or financial one like this. It is also in fact the best mood stabilizer and anti depressant I ever had with no harmful side effects. Another issue is your wording specifically bans Segways by name and I've got the only one in the city when there are numerous knockoffs out there not included except hoverboards. The correct legal definition is self balancing personal transporter. No offense intended but it serves my point. These unique vehicles can be driven from your bed to your office desk and never step off of it. They come with an instructional video and owner's manual outlining all the dos and don'ts and nobody of sound mind rides one without paying attention to them. Also, a person on a Segway takes up no larger footprint than a person walking, unlike a bicycle which takes up twice the space. Or mobility scooter which also impedes others personal space. As if living with my physical and mental disabilities isn't already challenging enough, is it really right to add a potential legal and financial one as well? Therefore, I submit a reconsideration of the above action with suggested addendums.

- 1) Helmets at all times
- 2) Penalties for irresponsible operation
- 3) Heavier penalties for collisions
- 4) Minimum age of operation of 16
- 5) Speed limit or reduction and audible notification when passing pedestrians
- 6) PWD exemption under bylaw 26 (a)

Thank you for considering my request

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Langley BC

Attention Langley city mayor and council. I stand before you here today to humbly request a review of the recent bylaw banning my segway from the cities parks and trails. Im sure you've all read my long form submission so I will only address the main talking points to save delegation time.

- 1) First of all I believe your erroneous bylaw specifically uses the word Segway which is only the brand name not the legal definition which is self balancing personal transporter, but this is not germane to the purposes of my submission, merely an observation. Ive made mistakes too.
- 2) I am a certified person with a disability living on disability and disabilities come in many forms, not always realized from outside that spectrum. The primary 4 include physical, mental, legal, and financial. But most people only see mental or physical of which I have both including rhabdomyolysis, acute compartment syndrome, or muscle death in which permanent muscle and nerve damage occurs in less than 1600 Canadians per year and is untreatable, which has greatly limited the use of my right foot but offers me no problem operating this machine which is perfect for me. But perhaps the bigger problem is my highly complicated mental situation which causes me to lose faith in and withdraw from society especially when I have to deal with frustrating things like this. Especially after going from suicide watch in 2002 to become a Guinness world record holder and finding my meaning and purpose in life 10 years later in promoting electric vehicles only to become declared unfit to enjoy the splendor of our parks and trails by people who have never been closer to one than this, when this vehicle gets me out there to enjoy the fresh air and wildlife without risk to those or people walking since these trails are in fact the perfect and safest places to operate them. Otherwise the end result for me is further marginalization and isolation from society as well as a heightened risk of losing my foot from inactivity that without the segway and my limited ability to walk I would most likely rarely leave my apt due to depression and a sense of futility, and Jane Fonda has always said a sedentary lifestyle on a couch is a premature death sentence, being not even able to walk the 800 feet over to play pickleball next door at Douglas park which is about the only exercise I get. And I wouldn't even do that if I had to walk. And now this bylaw dumps the additional burden and stress of adding a risk of legal and financial disability in addition to my other two. And forces me to become a scofflaw on weekends to the duck pond when bylaw is off which only makes me feel guilty for breaking your rules even though I vehemently disagree with them. I cannot afford to get this thing impounded or pay a prejudicial fine merely for trying to appreciate life.
- 3) In addition to that these vehicles are prohibitively expensive \$8500, and I worked for many years to be able to procure one. In general, and due to the high cost, these vehicles are operated by responsible people of means who have watched the instructional dvd that comes with it and are aware of the hazards of incorrect operating procedures. And as the top EV Guinness world record setter on earth, with 3, including 1 on the on the segway I just got, I feel an innate responsibility to always ride responsibly and set a good example of safe operation in the community. A position this very council helped put me in after sponsoring my first Guinness record attempt back in 2012. So this ban seems particularly hypocritical especially considering that and the fact that light electric vehicles are the gateway to our future with our upcoming

ban on gas cars by 2035 and I hope to help usher us through the transition and lead by example through education. That's also why I wrote my book as a long-time consultant to Sun Country Highway, and one of Canada's foremost authorities on EV implementation and infrastructure development.

- 4) It was only after researching the local bylaws that allowed them on these trails then that I even invested in this vehicle roughly two years before the ban with no ban in sight at the time so at the very least perhaps I should be grandfathered in or exempted on compassionate grounds somehow as it seems highly prejudicial to ban my segway by name when I have the only one in town and I am also positive you have never had a complaint about how I operate it around the city as it is the only way I can get around since I can barely walk 2 blocks anymore
- 5) As I am sure most of you have seen me operating this vehicle in the community I believe you would all recognise that I offer no significant threat to the community or myself, unless you also care to ban figure skating, hockey, cliff diving, bungee jumping, zip lines, hang gliding, rollerblades, parachuting or even coffee tables for fear our two year olds will fall and strike a corner or to shut down the Langley Penzer parkour, bmx and skateboard park, Canada's biggest, that we are all supposed to be so proud of, where fractures, stitches, and dislocations are commonplace yet of no concern whatsoever to this council, when mobility scooters, bicycles and E-bikes are allowed, and go much faster than your unenforceable 11 kph speed limit, are heavier, therefore create impact forces twice of mine in kilonewtons, and have many sharp protruding structures that cause more risk of injuries than a slow moving vehicle driven by a responsible highly skilled and experienced senior citizen with soft rubber, plastic parts and not a single sharp edge anywhere.
- 6) I am a 63 year old retiree trying to survive my encore career promoting electric vehicles as long as possible so I can still make a positive contribution to our community. Please don't thwart my ability to pursue that. This is where our future begins. By looking into the future and not being hypocritical about it.

Thank you ,

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