



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Accessibility Advisory Committee -
Micromobility Devices**

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council review and consider developing guidelines and bylaws on the use of micromobility devices for the protection and safety of the citizens of Langley City.

SUMMARY:

From 2021 to 2024, the B.C. government held a pilot project to test limited use of electric kick scooters in participating pilot communities. Electric kick scooters are battery-powered devices with a motor and two to four wheels, a platform for standing and handlebars for steering.

The pilot program has been renewed, starting April 5, 2024, for a four-year term with new regulations.

During the next four-year period, people will be able to legally use e-scooters in any community that authorizes their use. Langley City is not a participating community.

The AAC is concerned that four years, or longer, is a long time to wait for the results of the pilot project to take action. The committee is of the view that the unregulated use of this vehicle class including power bicycles, power standing/seated scooters, powered self-balancing boards and powered scooters, may lead to injury and liability as there is much uncertainty as to where these micromobility devices are allowed to be used. Additionally, they can reach speeds of up to 32km/hr.

Therefore, the AAC committee would like to request that the city review existing policies and consider developing guidelines and bylaws that address the use of micromobility devices within the city.

It was also discussed that public education is needed to inform the community where these devices are permitted to be ridden, and what, if any, restrictions are in place for roads, sidewalks, and trails.

Respectfully Submitted,



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