

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

By-law 22-038

Being a by-law to amend By-law 187-06 for the regulation of Traffic and Parking (to Permit Electric Kick-Scooters on Certain Highways)

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 389/19 of Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, as amended, provides that no person shall operate an electric kick-scooter on a highway, sidewalk, trail, path or walkway or in a public park or exhibition ground under the jurisdiction of a municipality unless such operation is permitted by and in accordance with a municipal bylaw;

WHEREAS it is the desire of The Corporation of the City of Cambridge to permit persons to operate an electric kick-scooter on certain portions of highways that are under the jurisdiction of The City of Cambridge;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend By-law No. 187-06,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Cambridge enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Traffic and Parking By-law is amended by **adding** section 13.1 to Part II, Definitions, as follows:

“13.1 “e-scooter” has the same meaning as an “electric kick-scooter” in Ontario Regulation 389/19 of the Highway Traffic Act;”

2. **THAT** Traffic and Parking By-law is amended by **adding** a new Part XX.2 – E-Scooters, as follows:

“Part XX.2 – E-Scooters

1. a) Subject to subsection b) of this section, a person is permitted to operate an e-scooter on the following portions of a highway:

- i. A multi-use trail;
- ii. A reserved cycling lane;
- iii. The shoulder of a highway with a posted rate of speed of 50 kilometers per hour or less if the highway has no reserved cycling lane; and
- iv. The roadway of a highway with a posted rate of speed of 50 kilometers per hours or less if the highway has no reserved cycling lane or shoulder.

- b) Subsection a) of this section shall not apply if an authorized sign is posted on a multi-use trail, reserved cycling lane, shoulder or roadway that e-scooters are not permitted.

2. Where reserved cycling lanes are not provided on a highway with a posted rate of speed of 50 kilometers per hour or less, the operator of an e-scooter shall,

- a) if there is a shoulder on the highway, stay on the shoulder as close to the right edge of the shoulder as possible; and
- b) if there is no shoulder on the highway, stay on the right side of the roadway as close to the edge of the roadway as possible

3. No person shall:

- a) operate an e-scooter on a highway except in compliance with section 1 of this Part;
- b) operate an e-scooter on a highway without wearing a helmet and chin strap;
- c) operate an e-scooter on a sidewalk except to cross;
- d) operate an e-scooter on a multi-use trail at a speed that is markedly greater than the speed of the pedestrians who are proximate to the e-scooter;
- e) operate an e-scooter at a bus stop, transit station or light rail transit platform that is on or adjacent to a highway;
- f) operate, stop or leave an e-scooter on any railway track, light rail transit track or other area designated with an authorized sign or marking for light rail transit vehicles;
- g) leave an e-scooter in a location on a highway, including a sidewalk, that is intended for the passage of vehicles or pedestrians;
- h) operate an e-scooter on any section of a multi-use trail, reserved cycling lane, or roadway that is unpaved and/or closed for maintenance, construction, or emergency reasons;

4. The operator of an e-scooter shall:

- a) keep a safe distance from pedestrians and other users of the highway where the e-scooter is permitted pursuant to section 1 of this Part at all times; and
- b) give way to a pedestrian or bicycle by slowing or stopping, as necessary, where there is insufficient space for the pedestrian or bicycle and the e-scooter to pass.”

3. **AND THAT** this by-law shall come into effect on July 1, 2022.

Enacted and Passed this 28th day of June, 2022.

MAYOR

CLERK