



Traffic Bylaw Amendment **Shared E-Scooter Program**

May 23, 2023

Shared E-Scooter Program

Motions:

1. THAT Second Reading be given to C-1261-23 Traffic Bylaw Amendment - Electric and Motorized Scooters.
2. THAT Third Reading be given to C-1261-23 Traffic Bylaw Amendment - Electric and Motorized Scooters.
3. THAT the implementation of a pilot shared e-scooter program within the City of Spruce Grove as per the Micromobility Systems Supply Agreement with Bird Canada Inc. be approved.

Pilot Shared E-Scooter Program

Bird Canada approached the City about establishing a shared e-scooter program.

Bird made a presentation to Council at the COW meeting on January 16, 2023.

Bird already operates in:

- Edmonton, Calgary
- St. Albert, Red Deer
- Medicine Hat, Leduc
- Okotoks, Airdrie



Traffic Bylaw C-1261-23

First Reading to the Traffic Bylaw Amendment was given on May 8, 2023. This Amendment:

- Adds definitions for Electric or Motorized Scooter, Trail, Pathway.
- Stipulates:
 - A permit is required for operation of Shared E-Scooters on public lands;
 - Shared E-Scooters are not to be operated contrary to any permits, authorizations, agreements or other conditions; and
 - Where Shared E-Scooters are permitted to operate.
- Sets out fines for unauthorized or unsafe use.

Micromobility Systems Supply Agreement

An initial Supply Agreement has been negotiated with Bird Canada which sets out the terms and parameters of the program, and:

- Allows for a pilot project starting June 1, 2023, and ending November 30, 2023; and
- Operation of Shared E-Scooters are limited to sidewalks, trails, and pathways.
- The minimum age to operate a shared e-scooter is 16 years and maximum speed is capped at 25 kilometers per hour.

Micromobility Systems Supply Agreement

- The City identifies zones where Shared E-Scooter use is prohibited or limited as “go-slow” or “no park” zones.
- Zones which are geo-fenced will result in the e-scooter powering down.
- An [Operation Zone Map](#) shows the zones which have been geo-fenced and where the e-scooters will be staged.
- The map is live and will be updated on a continuing basis in response to consumer demand and issues identified by the City.

Micromobility Systems Supply Agreement

- Shared e-scooters can be parked anywhere not prohibited in the street furnishings zone or otherwise in a manner that does not impede access or pedestrian traffic.
- Bird Canada shall remove mis-parked shared e-scooters within two hours of being notified by a member of the public or City staff.
- In the event that Bird Canada fails to remove mis-parked shared e-scooters within the 2-hour period, the City may proceed with the removal and recover costs from Bird Canada.

Micromobility Systems Supply Agreement

- Bird Canada provides full indemnity to the City for any causes of action (injury or damage) arising from the operation of a shared e-scooter.
- Every operational month, Bird Canada provides Alberta Transportation aggregated data that includes mechanical and safety incidents (date, time, location of incident, and brief description).
- At the end of the pilot program, Bird Canada must submit a report to the City which provides data requested by the City to assess the program.

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Presentation was made to the Community Road Safety Advisory Committee on November 16, 2022. The Committee:

- Raised several concerns but ultimately supported a pilot project; and
- Asked for further input on conclusion of the pilot.

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Questions?