

Bill No. 89  
2023

By-law No. S-1-23\_\_\_\_\_

A by-law to amend By-law No. S-1, entitled “A by-law to provide for the Regulation of Streets”.

WHEREAS the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8 (“*Highway Traffic Act*”) provides in Part XVI s. 228 that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may by regulation authorize or establish a project for research into or testing or evaluation of any matter governed by the *Highway Traffic Act* or relevant to highway traffic;

AND WHEREAS the *Highway Traffic Act* establishes in section 228(8) that every person who contravenes a regulation made under that section is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,500;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 389/19 entitled “Pilot Project – Electric Kick-Scooters” established a pilot project to evaluate the use and operation of electric kick-scooters, and is to be revoked on November 27, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 141/21 entitled “Pilot Project – Cargo Power-Assisted Bicycles” established a pilot project to evaluate the use and operation of cargo power-assisted bicycles, and is to be revoked on March 1, 2026;

AND WHEREAS these Pilot Projects prohibit the use of Electric Kick-Scooters and Cargo Power-Assisted Bicycles on a highway, sidewalk, trail, path or walkway or in a public park or exhibition ground under municipal jurisdiction unless such operation is permitted by the Regulation, and where such operation is permitted by a municipal by-law;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended (“*Municipal Act, 2001*”) provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001* or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting: in paragraph 4, Public assets of the municipality acquired for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; in paragraph 5, Economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change; in paragraph 6, Health, safety and well-being of persons; in paragraph 7, Services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection (1); in paragraph 8, Protection of persons and property; and in paragraph 10, Structures, including fences and signs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Section 1.1 of by-law S-1 is amended by adding the following new definition of “Cargo Power-assisted Bicycle” after the definition of “Bicycle path”:

### **Cargo Power-assisted Bicycle - defined**

“Cargo Power-assisted Bicycle” means a pedal-driven bicycle of conventional exposed fork-and-frame bicycle design and appearance that,

- (a) has two or three wheels;
- (b) is fitted at all times with pedals that are always operable to propel the bicycle;
- (c) has a platform, basket or container for carrying cargo, parcels or goods,
- (d) has steering handlebars;
- (d.1) has a weight of more than 55 kilograms;
- (e) has a width not exceeding 1.3 metres;
- (f) has a length not exceeding 4 metres;
- (g) has a height not exceeding 2.2 metres;
- (h) has wheels that have a width of not less than 35 millimetres and a diameter of not less than 350 millimetres;
- (i) does not have any structure that fully encloses the occupant area; and
- (j) has an electric motor with a continuous rated output power not exceeding 1000 watts that is incapable of providing propulsion assistance when the bicycle attains a speed of 32 kilometres per hour or more.

2. Section 1.1 of by-law S-1 is amended by adding the following new definition of “Electric Kick-Scooter” after the definition of “City Engineer”:

### **Electric Kick-Scooter - defined**

“Electric Kick-Scooter” means a vehicle that has,

- (a) two wheels placed along the same longitudinal axis, one placed at the front of the kick scooter and one at the rear;
- (b) a platform for standing between the two wheels;
- (c) a steering handlebar that acts directly on the steerable wheel; and
- (d) an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts that provides a maximum speed of 24 kilometres per hour.

3. Section 2.11 of by-law S-1 is amended by adding the following sentence after the final sentence:

“This section shall not apply to a person who operates an Electric Kick-Scooter or a Cargo Power-Assisted Bicycle along a bicycle path if such operation is specifically permitted by another by-law of the City of London.”

4. Section 2.12 of by-law S-1 is deleted and replaced with the following new section 2.12:

### **“2.12 Motor vehicle - bicycle - on sidewalk - exceptions**

- (a) No person shall, without lawful authority, either by themselves or by permitting others, operate a motor vehicle (including an automobile, a motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle), a motorized snow vehicle, a traction engine, an Electric Kick-Scooter, a bicycle, or a power-assisted bicycle (including a Cargo Power-assisted Bicycle), along a sidewalk.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person who,
  - (i) operates an Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device due to a disability, along a sidewalk;
  - (ii) operates the vehicle across that portion of a sidewalk which intersects with a lawful private entrance;
  - (iii) operates a bicycle, or Electric Kick-Scooter or Cargo Power-assisted Bicycle if such operation is specifically permitted by another by-law of the City of London, on that portion of a sidewalk which connects a bicycle path with a roadway;
  - (iv) being under the age of 14, operates a bicycle along a sidewalk.

5. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on March 7, 2023.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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