

Report to Council



Date: May 27, 2019
File: 1850-30
To: City Manager
From: Transit and Programs Manager
Subject: Bylaw Exemptions for the Bikeshare Permit Program

Report Prepared by Matt Worona, Active Transportation Coordinator

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Transit and Programs Manager dated May 27, 2019 with respect to the Bylaw Exemptions for the Bikeshare Permit Program;

AND THAT Council approve the use of e-scooters and e-bikes on the Waterfront Walkway, Angel Way and Rails with Trails pathways as a temporary exemption until December 31st 2020 under Section 4.1 of the Parks and Public Spaces Bylaw No. 10680.

Purpose:

To enable a wider set of vehicle types to use parks pathways associated with the newly adopted Bikeshare Permit Program.

Background:

Small, electrified forms of transportation are growing in popularity. We can encourage residents to select from a growing range of efficient and healthy transportation options by amending our bylaws to permit them, where appropriate.

By allowing e-bikes, defined in the Motor Assisted Cycle Regulation (B.C. Reg. 151/2002), to ride on certain parks pathways we hope to shift the bylaw to be more in line with the activity we see today in Kelowna.

We recommend allowing e-scooters to operate on select parks pathways in combination with other off-street facilities to allow for a continuous demonstration corridor for these shared services in Kelowna. This demonstration corridor will stretch from the Airport through Downtown and offer connections to the Hospital, UBCO and Landmark Centre.

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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Alternate Recommendation
Communications Comments
Existing Policy
External Agency/Public Comments
Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Personnel Implications

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