

# DOWNTOWN KELOWNA

December 20, 2023

Cameron Noonan, Transportation Planner  
City of Kelowna  
1435 Water Street  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1J4

Dear Cameron,

The Downtown Kelowna Association (DKA) represents businesses and commercial property owners in the Downtown core of our City. The DKA acts in the best interests of our members to promote Downtown Kelowna as a thriving place to work, live and play.

Over the past 2+ years, The Micromobility Program in Kelowna has resulted in E-Scooters becoming a part of the experience of visiting Downtown Kelowna. This is particularly true in the summer season as visitors to our Downtown make use of the E-Scooters and E-Bikes to move around the core.

The availability of these resources assists with alleviating parking and road capacity issues that constrain economic activity with our member businesses. They also offer visitors and residents an easy way to move over distances that might take slightly longer to walk than ideal.

While the DKA fully supports the continuation of the Micromobility Program, we also feel that the e-scooters/e-bikes should be available to be ridden on Bernard Avenue, particularly during Meet me On Bernard. E-Scooters' speed can be governed through programming. While on Bernard, the speed should be slower than on other streets thus allowing riders to drive safely and stop easily to visit businesses along this important route for commerce in Downtown Kelowna.

I am happy to continue to support the Program in Downtown Kelowna.

Sincerely,



Mark Burley  
Executive Director  
Downtown Kelowna Business Association