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Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Benjamin Quattrini - The Boutique - Micro Mobility Sharing - CK 7000-1 **Attachments:** roll_letter_-_city_clerk.pdf From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 9:51 AM To: City Council < City.Council@Saskatoon.ca Subject: Email - Request to Speak - Benjamin Quattrini - The Boutique - Micro Mobility Sharing - CK 7000-1 --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Monday, January 11, 2021 - 09:50 Submitted by user: Submitted values are: Date Monday, January 11, 2021 To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name Benjamin Last Name Quattrini Phone Number (306) Email Address Broadway Avenue City Saskatoon Province Saskatchewan Postal Code S7N Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) The Boutique Subject Micro Mobility Sharing Meeting (if known) Comments I am requesting to speak at the meeting. I understand that I first need to meet with the Transportation Committee. I have attached a letter summarizing the project. **Attachments**

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:



Re: MARCH 2021 ELECTRIC SCOOTER PILOT IN SASKATOON

December 11, 2020

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to you on behalf of Roll Scooters and The Shoe Boutique in support of the City of Saskatoon creating a framework for an e-scooter pilot for March 2021.

To date, electric scooters are present in over 100 cities globally. E-scooter operations currently exist in cities across Canada, including Kelowna, Calgary, Edmonton, Waterloo, Ottawa and Montreal. In 2020, amid COVID-19, e-scooters have proven to be essential in cities like Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa. E-scooters respect social distancing measures, can help ensure that public transit is not overwhelmed, and at the same time reduces car use on shorter trips, improving the environment.

A number of other municipalities are at various stages of regulatory development towards escooter pilots including Toronto, Vancouver, Mississauga, Brampton, Windsor, London, Hamilton and Waterloo. However, despite not being permitted currently in the above municipalities, including Saskatoon, e-scooters are increasingly present on city streets. The city can choose to not regulate while the use of various forms of micro-mobility, including personally owned e-scooters, continues to grow, or the city can introduce sensible regulations for personal and shared micro-mobility devices to advance public safety.

E-scooters are inexpensive, easy to use, and fun to ride. They provide a safe ride by putting the rider at the center of the e-scooter experience. They are also built to meet the demands of Canadian cities like Saskatoon with features that include semi-solid tubeless wheels that deliver a smooth, comfortable, and controlled ride.

Unlike the significant risk of injury and death from automobiles, e-scooters have very low risks and vulnerabilities (substantially lower rates than cars). According to the OECD's international transport forum study "The risk of an emergency department visit for an e-scooter rider is similar to that for cyclists".

This finding comes from Canadian reports on 2019 e-scooter pilots in Calgary and Montreal. Calgary city staff found that e-scooters resulted in 33 injuries requiring an ambulance out of

750,000 rides, which is a 0.0046% rate of injury. There were no fatalities. Both automobiles and bicycles fared much worse.

In Montreal, there were 371,540 trips on shared mobility devices (shared e-scooters and e-bikes) from June 30th to November 4, 2019. The island of Montreal saw 4 light injuries from electric scooters between August 13th and November 15, 2019.

With respect to the environment and sustainability, The City of Saskatoon has established aggressive greenhouse gas emissions target reductions of 80 percent by 2050, or sooner. According to the city, "it's an ambitious plan – it really touches almost everything that we do such as how we move".

In Calgary, city staff reported that during the first phase of their shared sooter program, that one in every three shared e-scooter trips replaced a trip by an automobile. In 2019, those 250,000 fewer car trips equalled roughly 470,000 kilometres – or, according to numbers provided by the U.S. Environmental protection agency, 306 metric tonnes of CO2 emissions saved, the equivalent of taking 67 cars off the road for one year.

This is coupled with the fact that during the 2019 Montreal shared e-scooter pilot, city staff found that 27% of e-scooter share trips started or ended at public transit. This suggests sizable first and last KM travel by local residents and visitors.

Lastly, e-scooters present an economic opportunity to cities, particularly as they are coming out of COVID-19, and wish to generate increased commerce for local businesses. In Calgary, city staff reported that the 2019 e-scooter pilot program had more than 50% of e-scooter share trips at a BIA or BRZ (Business Revitalization Zone).

We are committed to bringing micro mobility to Saskatoon. We look forward to working with the city and stakeholders to advance an e-scooter pilot in YXE. E-scooters provide meaningful, efficient, and cost effective transportation and mobility solutions. We welcome your feedback and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Ben Quattrini