WHITBY SOLUTION TO E-SCOOTERS

Durham - With deaths lingering in the shadows of e-bikes, e-scooters and the like.

The town of Whitby has a

new by-law for e-scooter and e-bike use and rightly so. The Town of Whitby – with pilot programs running either

side in Oshawa to the east and Pickering and Ajax in the west – has announced a new by-law for e-scooter and ebike use. The regulations of such contraptions is something relatively new.

Most municipalities are having problem limiting liability as this means of transportation do not fall under the Ontario Highway Act and they far from fall within the municipal jurisdiction.

Some municipalities have seen the affects of such electric contraptions. As injury and the loss of life have been documented.

As use of micromobility devices has become more popular, there was a need to create a bylaw that ensures the safety of e-bike and e-scooter users, as well as other users of town roads, paths and trails, said a statement from carried in the mayor's newsletter.

Under Whitby's new bylaw, the minimum age to ride an ebike or e-scooter is 16. Helmets are mandatory for all e-bike riders, and for all escooter riders under age 18.

E-bikes and e-scooters can be ridden on Whitby's roads, paths and trails – but not on sidewalks. Note that e-scooters are only allowed on roads with a posted speed limit of 50kmh or lower.

This for many municipalities has become the sweet spot. As many riders, ride on the sidewalk putting pedestrians and regular cyclist in danger.

The maximum speed is 20kmh on multi-use paths and trails. On roads, the maximum speed is 24kmh for e-scooters and 32kmh for e-bikes.

There are some micromobility devices that are not permitted on Whitby's transportation network, including electric hoverboards, electric skateboards, Segways, and electric unicycles.

This brings further scrutiny and concern as the municipality clearly does not understand the ramification. Only that under the e-scooter program it is operated by a for profit company. electric hoverboards, electric skateboards, Segways, and electric unicycles are normally privately owned.

The town pointed out that limited-speed motorcycles and motor-assisted bicycles, also known as mopeds, are defined as motor vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act and are not allowed on Whitby's multi-use paths and paved trails.

The fine for violating the bylaw is between \$205 and \$450.

The e-transportation sector is relatively new and seasonal. Stay tuned for all the changes.



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