



Meeting Date: May 11, 2026
Department: Engineering and Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2026-30
Submitted by: Walter Easter, Acting Director of Engineering and Public Works
Approved by: Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Draft Electric Kick-Scooter and Cargo Power-Assisted Bicycle By-Law

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive the Electric Kick-Scooter Draft By-law for information.

BACKGROUND:

At its September 2, 2025 Council meeting, Council passed the following motion:

THAT: Council request that the Traffic Committee prepare a report about the operation of electric kick scooters within the municipality.

At its October 6, 2025, Council received the “Operation of Electric Kick-Scooters” report for information and passed the motion:

THAT: Council direct staff to work together with Strathroy-Caradoc Police and Middlesex County to develop a draft by-law that will align with requirements of the Ontario electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) pilot program, and;

THAT: Council ask staff to search for any prior motion in regards to the use of e-kick scooters in the municipality and report back to Council.

Staff conducted a review of Council records and did not identify any prior motions related to the use of electric kick-scooters within the municipality.

The [October 6, 2025](#) report received by Council for information explained the following key items:

- Definition and use of electric kick-scooters
- Provincial pilot program requirements
- Municipal responsibilities
- Enforcement considerations

COMMENTS:

The purpose of this report is to present a draft by-law regulating electric kick-scooters within the Municipality and to align local regulations with the Province's pilot framework and neighbouring jurisdictions.

Engineering and Public Works staff met with representatives from Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service and Middlesex County to establish a coordinated and consistent regulatory approach. In addition, through participation in the London Middlesex Road Safety Committee, staff have engaged with neighbouring municipalities to support alignment on emerging transportation matters, including electric bicycles and electric kick-scooters.

Recognizing that levels of cycling infrastructure vary across municipalities, the proposed by-law has been drafted to provide flexibility. It requires that electric kick-scooters operate within designated bicycle lanes where such infrastructure exists, and where it does not, that they travel as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway or shoulder.

Key provisions of the draft by-law include:

- Minimum age requirements
- Helmet requirements
- Maximum speed limits
- Prohibited areas (e.g., sidewalks and hiking trails)

The draft by-law has been developed in accordance with the Ontario Electric Kick-Style Scooter Pilot Program, which enables municipalities to regulate the use of e-scooters on local roads and cycling infrastructure.

As the Municipality continues to urbanize and implement complete street designs, infrastructure supporting cycling and micromobility will expand. Planned projects, including the Head Street North Reconstruction and the Thorne Drive Extension, incorporate these elements and will support the safe integration of e-scooters over time.

Subject to Council approval, an education campaign will be undertaken in partnership with Strathroy-Caradoc Police. This will include outreach to elementary and secondary school students, as well as broader public education through municipal communication channels.

While enforcement remains a known challenge, aligning the by-law with neighbouring municipalities and provincial regulations provides clarity for users and supports a consistent enforcement approach by Strathroy-Caradoc Police.

CONSULTATION:

- Middlesex County Engineer
- Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no direct financial implications associated with the adoption of the by-law. Any future enforcement or infrastructure enhancements would be addressed through existing operational budgets or future capital planning.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Community Safety: Community Safety is fundamental to community well-being, and all relevant services and organizations, including the Hospital and fire service, have key roles to play. The Municipality values its community-based Police Service.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Electric Kick-Scooter and Cargo Power-Assisted Bicycle By-law