



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **City exploring e-scooter use: Share your feedback**

(Barrie, ON) – The City is exploring whether to permit the use of electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) in Barrie through participation in the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) [pilot program](#). E-scooters are currently not allowed to operate in Barrie on City property or within the public right-of-way (i.e. City streets, sidewalks or trails). The provincial pilot program allows participating municipalities to choose where and how e-scooters may be used.

“As Barrie continues to grow, we’re exploring the role e-scooters could play as part of a broader range of transportation options to support mobility for all residents,” says Brett Gratrix, Senior Project Manager – Transportation, Development Services. “Although they’re not currently permitted in Barrie, we’re seeing increasing interest and use, which is why we’re consulting the public before determining next steps.”

No decisions around permitting e-scooters have been made yet. This is an opportunity for community members to learn about e-scooters, ask questions and complete a survey about whether to permit them in Barrie.

Feedback from the public will help form a report to City Council that may include recommendations on whether to opt in to the provincial pilot program.

To learn more and share your feedback, visit [BuildingBarrie.ca/ExploringEscooters](#).

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