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Good morning Mayor and Council

This email provides an update regarding the recently released micromobility (incl. **e-scooters**) Pilot Project Proposal invitation from the Province.

Background

In November 2019 the Province amended the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to allow communities (municipalities and Treaty First Nations including the Nisg\u817 _a'a) to pilot micromobility devices such as e-scooters. Mid-January 2020 the Province released the Pilot Project Proposal Package for communities interested in establishing pilot projects as a result of the aforementioned MVA amendments.

Next steps

Staff intend to submit an expression of intent to the Province **before January 31st 2020** to secure the opportunity to submit a pilot project proposal and inform Provincial regulations by **March 6th** or during a future round of invitations by the Province. After the City submits a pilot project proposal there are a number of different possible outcomes. These can range from no change in regulation, a small pilot with privately owned e-scooters, to the deployment of a larger fleet of shared e-scooters. Staff are currently clarifying the potential scope of a pilot project proposal in collaboration with the region.

Detailed timeline

Communities interested in submitting a pilot project proposal to the Province will have to:

1. Submit an expression of intent (one page) to indicate that they are considering a pilot to the Province (MOTI) **before January 31st**.
 - a. **"An Expression of Intent does not obligate the local community to submit a completed Pilot Project Proposal."**
2. Submit a detailed pilot project proposal (10+ pages) **before March 6th**.
 - a. "Once submitted, Ministry staff will consider your local community's proposal and follow up with questions or further information as it becomes available."
2. The Ministry, Cabinet, and Community will collaborate on the pilot requirements and regulations before they can start, **summer 2020**.
3. After the Ministry, Cabinet, and City have formalized the pilot project proposal the City will have to amend its By-Laws to allow the pilot devices on City streets.

The Province has informally indicated that there might be additional pilot phases in the future, possibly fall 2020 and early 2021.

Purpose of a pilot

It is staff's understanding that pilots will provide government an opportunity to shape a legislative response to new mobility technologies. Government can use research and testing to guide best

practices for key requirements such as safety features, service levels, device specifications, speed limits, and where devices can operate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact lon.laClaire@vancouver.ca directly.

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