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His Worship Tyler Gandam
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Dear Mayor Gandam:

Thank you for your letter sharing two resolutions from members of the Alberta Municipalities. Alberta Municipalities is a significant partner in the work we do at Transportation and Economic Corridors, and I appreciate you outlining the transportation issues its members are focused on.

Resolution C3: E-Scooters and Modernizing the Alberta *Traffic Safety Act* for Personal Use

Please be assured the department supports emerging technologies, such as e-scooters, as alternative and sustainable means of transportation. As you are aware, Transportation and Economic Corridors worked with municipalities in the summer of 2019 to develop a pilot program to enable the limited use of e-scooters. Many larger municipalities in the province participated in the pilot, including Airdrie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, Red Deer, and Leduc, with most e-scooters being deployed in Edmonton and Calgary.

Each municipality created its own bylaws to define the areas of the city where e-scooters were allowed to operate, the types of roads or paths that could be used, acceptable parking locations, and other rules to support road safety for all types of road users. Currently, privately owned e-scooters are not permitted under the pilot and remain illegal for use on public roads and sidewalks in Alberta.

Staff have completed an evaluation of the pilot project and are in the process of considering the options for expanding the pilot project. The department aims to share the results of this evaluation in the fall of 2024.

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Resolution C4: Use of Golf Carts on Designated Municipal Roads

Alberta legislation currently restricts the use and operation of golf carts on all Alberta roadways as they do not meet the appropriate safety standards of regular passenger vehicles. For example, golf carts are not equipped with safety features such as signal lights, air bags, windshields, windshield wipers, doors, etc.

Transportation and Economic Corridors is currently reviewing the legislation and regulations regarding the use of personal e-scooters and golf carts with a view to making amendments to allow for expanded use of these and other non-traditional vehicles. The department is aiming to share findings of this review in fall 2024.

Thank you again for sharing these Alberta Municipalities 2023 resolutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Devin Dreeshen".

Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors