



## JANUARY 2020 UPDATE

This update is being shared with you as a representative of the Advisory Committee for cycling, active transportation or trails in your community. Please take a moment to review and to share with your committee colleagues.

If you have questions or feedback, please contact:

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### DOORED BUT NOT IGNORED

On November 21, 2019 Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Jessica Bell introduced a private member's bill that would require the province to track dooring incidents. The province does not currently consider dooring incidents to be reportable collisions because the motor vehicle is not in motion. This means that police are not required to track dooring incidents as collisions and the province does not record them as part of their Annual Road Safety Report. [Read more about the bill online here.](#)



#### Proposed committee action:

If you support this private members bill, consider writing a letter of support to your Member of Provincial Parliament and cc MPP Jessica Bell, <[JBell@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JBell@ndp.on.ca)>; Minister Mulroney, <[minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)> and Share the Road, <[jamie@sharetheroad.ca](mailto:jamie@sharetheroad.ca)>.

### 2020 ONTARIO BIKE SUMMIT

Early Bird Registration is now open for the [Annual Ontario Bike Summit](#), which is taking place on April 6 & 7th in Toronto. The theme of this year's event is *Making Connections* and will feature 2-days of speakers and workshops looking at building a connected network, making multi-modal connections, e-mobility, transportation equity and more.



This year we also have a special offer for municipalities to help build community capacity. Our discounted "community ticket" is available to municipalities to send a community member who would otherwise not attend the summit. For \$250 municipalities can purchase a ticket to send a community member to the event. Advisory Committee members, members of the Board of Directors of community groups or their paid staff are not eligible. For more details contact [erica@sharetheroad.ca](mailto:erica@sharetheroad.ca).

#### Proposed committee action:

Register for the summit! [www.sharetheroad.ca/OBS](http://www.sharetheroad.ca/OBS)

## DISCOUNTED BIKE LIGHTS

Over the past 3 years, we have worked with local partners - including municipal advisory committees - to distribute over 70,000 bike light sets to people biking in Ontario. We do this by coordinating a province-wide bike light order that gives you access to discounted bulk pricing of \$3.49/set for your local light distribution events.

### Proposed committee action:

Connect with [bfc@sharetheroad.ca](mailto:bfc@sharetheroad.ca) to place your order prior to February 28th, 2020.

## CYCLING AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Communities across Ontario and around the world are declaring climate emergencies. We believe that making cycling a safer and more convenient mode of transportation and recreation needs to be part of municipal climate emergency plans. To that effect, we have drafted a [sample template motion](#) for municipal advisory committees to bring forward to council.

### Proposed committee action:

Adapt the draft motion template to suit your local context and bring it forward to council as an official motion.

## KICK-STYLE E-SCOOTERS IN ONTARIO

The province [recently released a framework](#) for a 5-year pilot that permits the use of kick-style e-scooters on Ontario's roads. The pilot will be in effect as of January 1, 2020. Share the Road has been supportive of launching this pilot and we are pleased to see that many of our recommendations have been included in the framework.



Previously, kick-style e-scooters were not permitted on roads where the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) applies. Under this pilot, municipalities that want to allow e-scooters on their roads can pass a by-law permitting their use. [You can learn more by reading our briefing note on e-scooters.](#)

### Proposed committee Action:

Make a recommendation about permitting e-scooters in your municipality.

## WHEELS OF CHANGE AWARDS



Each year, Share the Road recognizes the impactful work of advocates and professionals across Ontario with our Wheels of Change Awards. These awards recognize leadership, innovation and relationship building in cycling and we encourage you to nominate someone from your community! [Learn more here.](#)

### Proposed committee action:

[Nominate someone](#) in your community for an award before the February 10th deadline.