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Follow up on my recent visit to Hamilton's Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Thanks so much for including me in your recent Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. I'm eager to follow up. It was a great exchange and I was honoured to be able to take part in it. I'd very much appreciate it if you could share this email with all members of your Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Since the City of Hamilton appears to be heading towards holding a so-called pilot with e-scooters, it would be extremely helpful if your Accessibility Advisory Committee would now vote a strong recommendation to the City of Hamilton, saying that the City should absolutely not allow e-scooters, whether rental or privately-owned, because they endanger people with disabilities, seniors, children and others. At least one of the corporate lobbyists for a major e-scooter rental company told a committee of London City Council, claimed that your AAC supported Hamilton's plans to allow e-scooters.

At your meeting at which I spoke, your members expressed clear support for the view that e-scooters should not be allowed. Earlier efforts by your Accessibility Advisory Committee no matter how strong, has not led the city to say no to e-scooters.

Toronto's Accessibility Advisory Committee actually addressed this topic twice, once by a motion in February 2020 and again in a recommendation passed in February 2021. Your AAC asked me at our recent discussion what it can do when the City seems to be heading in the wrong direction. The first step is for you to now publicly pass a strong, clear categorical motion that just says no to e-scooters, period.

Happy to help in any way we can with this and any other issues.

Best to all.

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