

TOWN OF CANORA

Bylaw Number 23-13

A BYLAW TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF E-SCOOTERS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The Council of the Town of Canora, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

- 1) This bylaw may be referred to as the “E-scooter Bylaw”.

INTERPRETATION

- 2) In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression(s):
 - a) “crosswalk” shall mean a clearly marked pedestrian crossing;
 - b) “e-scooter” shall mean an electric kick scooter and has the meaning given to such term in *The Limited Speed Motor Vehicle Regulations*;
 - c) “operate” shall mean to ride and e-scooter;
 - d) “roadway” shall mean a public street, parkway, driveway, square or place designated and intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles;
 - e) “Town” shall mean the municipal corporation of the Town of Canora, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

SCOPE

- 3) It shall be lawful to operate an e-scooter on all public highways within the limits of the Town, except Main Street and provincial highways No. 5 and 9, subject to all applicable provisions of *The Limited Speed Motor Vehicle Regulations*. (angle parking)
- 4) Notwithstanding Section 3, it shall be lawful to operate an e-scooter on a portion of Main Street and provincial highways No. 5 and 9 for the purpose of crossing the roadways by the most direct route.

E-SCOOTER OPERATION

- 5) No person shall operate an e-scooter unless the person is 16 years of age or older.
- 6) No person shall operate an e-scooter on:
 - a) sidewalks;
 - b) designated walking paths or trails;
 - c) crosswalks;
 - d) parks or playgrounds, including skate parks and spray parks;
 - e) green spaces or public reserve lands;
- 7) No person shall operate an e-scooter on any roadway with a posted speed limit above 50 kilometres per hour.
- 8) No person shall operate an e-scooter on a roadway:
 - a) abreast of another person using an e-scooter, bicycle, skateboard, or other similar means of conveyance; and
 - b) between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise unless the e-scooter is operated in compliance with Section 12.
- 9) E-scooters shall only be operated on roadways when it is safe to do so, with proper regard given to any nearby pedestrians or other traffic, and shall operate as near as practicable to the right side of the roadway.

- 10) No person shall park an e-scooter on any sidewalk or any other place in such a way that interferes with or obstructs the flow of pedestrian or other traffic.

EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- 11) All e-scooters shall:
- a) be equipped with a kickstand;
 - b) be equipped with a bell or horn;
 - c) have its battery and motor securely fastened to the e-scooter in such a manner that prevents movement of the battery and motor in any direction relative to the e-scooter;
 - d) have all electrical terminals completely insulated and covered;
 - e) not be capable of being propelled at a speed that exceeds 24 kilometres per hour;
 - f) cease to be propelled if the accelerator is released or the brake is applied;
 - g) be equipped with a braking system that can stop the e-scooter within nine (9) metres;
 - h) not have a basket attached to it; and
 - i) not carry any cargo.
- 12) Pursuant to Subsection 8(b), e-scooters must be equipped with:
- a) A lamp that emits a white or amber light shining to the front of the e-scooter that under normal weather conditions is visible from at least 150 metres in the direction the e-scooter is pointed; and
 - b) A lamp that emits a visible red light shining to the rear of the e-scooter;
- 13) The lights required pursuant to Section 12 may be:
- a) attached to the e-scooter ; or
 - b) carried or worn by the person operating the e-scooter.
- 14) The operator of an e-scooter must properly wear a helmet pursuant to Section 15 that bears a manufacturer label to indicate compliance with one of the standards listed in *The Limited Speed Motor Vehicle Regulations*.
- 15) A helmet must be securely held in position on the operator's head by the straps and fasteners supplied by the manufacturer.

PROHIBITIONS

- 16) No person operating an e-scooter shall:
- a) fail to comply with traffic signs;
 - b) fail to operate with due care and attention;
 - c) fail to yield to pedestrians;
 - d) fail to have at least one hand on the steering handlebar of the e-scooter at all times;
 - e) fail to sound the bell or horn attached to the e-scooter when it is reasonably necessary to notify cyclists, pedestrians, or others of the operator's approach;
 - f) fail to stand on the platform of the e-scooter;
 - g) operate with a passenger;
 - h) tow another person, vehicle, motor vehicle, bicycle or device;
 - i) hold on to a vehicle in motion;
 - j) fail to use proper hand turning signals;
 - k) fail to comply with any bylaws enacted by the Town;
 - l) fail to comply with any provision of *The Limited Speed Motor Vehicle Regulations*.

OFFENCES AND LIABILITY

- 17) If an e-scooter is involved in an offence under this bylaw, the owner of that e-scooter is guilty of that offence.

- 18) Notwithstanding Section 17, the operator of an e-scooter may be liable for any offences involving the operation of that e-scooter.
- 19) Any person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00.
- 20) Section 17 does not apply if the owner of the e-scooter satisfies the court that the owner was not operating the e-scooter at the time of the offence, and that the person who was operating the e-scooter did so without the owner's express or implied consent.
- 21) This Bylaw shall come into effect on the day of its final passing.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Introduced and read a first and second time this 20th day of June 2023.

Read a third time with the unanimous consent of all Council members present and adopted this 20th day of June 2023.