

Government of
Northwest Territories

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MLA, YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE**Oral Question 421-20(1): Regulations for E-Scooters**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question raised on November 1, 2024, concerning the regulation and safe usage of e-scooters. I also committed to explore how the Department of Infrastructure (INF) can contribute to ensuring safety through patrolling and enforcing safety measures on the roadways.

The development of a regulatory framework for e-scooters is a multi-faceted process that involves collaboration between various stakeholders, including the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA).

The CCMTA is an incorporated body responsible for the administration, regulation, and control of motor vehicle transportation and highway safety across Canada. Currently, the CCMTA is developing a comprehensive white paper on micromobility, which will include recommendations on regulations for e-scooters. The white paper, originally scheduled for release within 24–30 months, is now expected to be completed ahead of schedule, with a release planned for September 2025.

This document will guide jurisdictions in developing consistent regulatory approaches and include best practices for integrating micromobility vehicles, including e-scooters, into existing road safety policies. It will also facilitate alignment across jurisdictions. INF continues to be part of these discussions with CCMTA and will be actively engaged in shaping the appropriate safety measures for e-scooter use on our roadways.

Municipalities, through their appointed Bylaw Officers, are authorized to enforce the *Motor Vehicles Act* (MVA) and related regulations. Once the white paper is received, there will be a review of whether the MVA needs to be updated to include provisions for e-scooters.

The RCMP, Highway Traffic Officers, and Bylaw Officers each play a critical role in maintaining safety and ensuring compliance on our streets, including the safe integration of emerging transportation options like e-scooters.

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Thank you for your attention to these important issues. I look forward to working together to continue to promote safety on our roads.

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Caroline Wawzonek
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