

The Corporation of the City of Burlington

City of Burlington By-Law 96-2025

A by-law to amend By-law 86-2007, the Traffic By-law,
to update certain definitions and to permit electric kick-scooters
on the Centennial Trail
(PWS-45-25)

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the City of Burlington wishes to update certain definitions and to permit electric kick-scooters in By-law 86-2007, the Traffic By-law;

Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Burlington enacts:

1. The recital to By-law 86-2007 is amended by adding the following second recital,
AND WHEREAS subsection 3(b) of Ontario Regulation 389/19 (Pilot Project – Electric Kick-Scooters) made under the *Highway Traffic Act* authorizes a municipality to permit the operation of electric kick-scooters on a trail under its jurisdiction;
2. Part I, Section 1 of By-law 86-2007 is amended by,
 - (a) deleting the definition of “bicycle” and replacing it with the following definition,
“**bicycle**” includes a tricycle, a unicycle and a power-assisted bicycle but does not include a motor-assisted bicycle;
 - (b) deleting the definition of “bicycle route” and replacing it with the following definition, added in alphabetical order,
“**cycling facility**” means that part of the highway, designated by an authorized sign, for the exclusive use of muscular powered vehicles and power-assisted bicycle including wheelchairs;
 - (c) adding the following definition of “electric kick-scooter”, in alphabetical order,
“**electric kick-scooter**” has the same meaning as in Ontario Regulation 389/19, namely a vehicle that has,
 - (a) two wheels placed along the same longitudinal axis, one placed at the front of the kick-scooter and one at the rear,
 - (b) a platform for standing between the two wheels,
 - (c) a steering handlebar that acts directly on the steerable wheel, and
 - (d) an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts that provides a maximum speed of 24 kilometres per hour;

- (d) deleting the definition of “motor vehicle” and replacing it with the following definition,

“**motor vehicle**” includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor-assisted bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, or electric kick-scooter unless otherwise indicated in the *Highway Traffic Act*, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, but does not include a street car, or other motor vehicles running only upon rails, or a motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road-building machine;

- (e) deleting the definition of “pedestrian” and replacing it with the following definition,

“**pedestrian**” means a person on foot, in a wheelchair or, in or on a play vehicle, but shall not include a person on a bicycle or an electric kick-scooter;

- (f) deleting the definition of “vehicle” and replacing it with the following definition,

“**vehicle**” includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road building machine, bicycle, electric kick-scooter and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power including muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle or a street car;

3. Part II, section 5 is amended by adding the following subsection 5a.1),

- a.1) Driving an Electric Kick-Scooter on a Roadway or Shoulder

No person shall use an electric kick-scooter on a roadway or shoulder.

4. Part II, subsection 5b) is deleted and replaced with,

- b) Driving on Other Than Roadway

- i) No person shall use a motor vehicle on any sidewalk, boulevard, off-road bike path or multi-use pathway, except, despite this or any other By-law,

1. A motor vehicle may be operated on a sidewalk, boulevard, off-road bike path or multi-use path for medical reasons.

2. An electric kick-scooter may be operated on Centennial Trail between Brant Street and Burloak Drive.

- ii) No person shall ride a bicycle or electric kick-scooter across a roadway within a pedestrian crosswalk but shall dismount and walk the bicycle or electric kick-scooter across the roadway.

- iii) Every rider of a bicycle, when approaching a pedestrian on a sidewalk, shall give adequate warning of their approach and shall take every necessary precaution to avoid a collision and shall give the pedestrian(s) the right of way.

5. Part II, paragraph 8d)i) is deleted and replaced with,
 - i) No person shall park a bicycle on any roadway, shoulder, cycling facility or combined facility.
6. Part IV, subsection 17.2 is deleted and replaced with,
 2. Subject to any speed limits prescribed under the *Highway Traffic Act* or its regulations, no person shall drive a vehicle in a public park or exhibition ground at a speed in excess of 20 kilometres per hour.
7. This By-law comes into force on the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 9th day of December, 2025.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward _____

Deputy Clerk Lisa Palermo _____