

2. Scooter and Motorcycle On-Street Parking

MOVER: Councillor David Cadman

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver should do everything in its power to encourage its residents to use environmentally friendly modes of transportation; and
2. Canada is committed to the Kyoto Protocol; and
3. Vancouver residents are being urged to do their part in the federal government's One-Tonne Challenge (Canada to reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne); and
4. The Greenest City Initiative mandate includes reducing pollution, improving transportation and its action plan will identify best practices from leading cities around the world; and
5. There are greater than 26000 motorcycles and scooters in Vancouver and the rate of growth for usage has been 5 times that of passenger vehicles in BC over the last 5 years; and
6. Motorized scooters use up to 90 percent less gasoline than passenger cars and trucks, and motorcycles use less fuel than cars and trucks; and
7. Scooters and motorcycles are significantly smaller than cars and trucks (often carrying the same number of passengers), use far less road space, thus reduce congestion and gridlock; and
8. Scooters and motorcycles are significantly lighter than other vehicles, thus cause less wear and tear on roadways and thereby leave a small footprint; and
9. Scooters and motorcycles regularly encounter problems when currently parking because other vehicle operators often do not see the cycles thus damaging them which incurs increased costs for all insurance ratepayers; and
10. There is very little on-street parking available on Vancouver roadways, forcing motorized cycle operators to find innovative solutions which are often illegal and sometimes dangerous; and
11. Most tourist destinations worldwide facilitate scooter and motorcycle transportation; and
12. Best practices in neighboring cities with similar transportation challenges to Vancouver's (including San Francisco, Portland and Toronto) all have established free and abundant parking to encourage and accommodate scooter and motorcycle use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council request Parking and Engineering staff to initiate a revenue neutral change to present bylaws to free up street parking by designating free of charge parking for motorized scooters and motorcycles in all 6 meter spaces between pedestrian crosswalks and auto parking AFTER intersections.

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