

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RIVER

BY-LAW 24-2025

A BY-LAW TO PERMIT AND REGULATE THE OPERATION OF ELECTRIC KICK-SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS) IN THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH RIVER UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 389/19

WHEREAS the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, and Ontario Regulation 389/19 establish a pilot project permitting municipalities to allow and regulate the use of electric kick-scooters (“e-scooters”) on municipal roads and property;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to permit and regulate the use of e-scooters within the Village of South River, subject to the conditions of Ontario Regulation 389/19;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of South River enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

a) “Electric kick-scooter” or “e-scooter” means a vehicle as defined in Ontario Regulation 389/19, including:

- Two wheels aligned longitudinally, a platform for standing, a steering handlebar, and an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts, with a maximum speed of 24 km/h, a maximum weight of 45 kg, and a maximum wheel diameter of 17 inches.
- b) All other terms have the same meaning as in the Highway Traffic Act and Ontario Regulation 389/19.

2. General Provisions

- a) E-scooters are permitted on municipal roads, highways, bicycle lanes, and multi-use paths within the Village of South River, except where otherwise prohibited by this By-law or signage.
- b) E-scooters are **not permitted** on sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, or pedestrian crossovers.

c) E-scooters are **not permitted** on controlled-access highways or any roadway where pedestrians or cyclists are prohibited.

3. Operator Requirements

- a) Operators must be at least 16 years of age.
- b) Operators under 18 years of age must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.
- c) Only one person may ride an e-scooter at a time. No passengers or towing is permitted.
- d) Operators must stand while operating the e-scooter.
- e) No person shall operate an e-scooter while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

4. Equipment Requirements

- a) E-scooters must be equipped with:
 - A bell or horn in working order;
 - At least one white light on the front and one red light on the rear, and reflective material on sides, to be used from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise or in low visibility conditions.
- b) E-scooters must have working brakes on both wheels.

5. Operating Rules

- a) E-scooters must be operated as close as practicable to the right-hand side of the roadway or in designated bicycle lanes.
- b) Operators must yield to pedestrians and cyclists, and must not operate at a speed markedly greater than pedestrians when near them.
- c) E-scooters must not be left in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- d) Operators must comply with all traffic laws, including stopping at red lights and stop signs.
- e) Operators must stop for police when requested and provide name, address, and date of birth.

6. Reporting and Enforcement

- a) Any collision involving an e-scooter and a pedestrian, animal, or vehicle must be reported to the police.
- b) Police and municipal by-law officers are authorized to enforce this By-law.

7. Severability

If any section or part of this By-law is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of the By-law shall continue in force.

8. Enactment

This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon its passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE 2025.

Jim Coleman, Mayor

Don McArthur, Clerk-Administrator