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It is very commendable that Toronto City Council did not proceed with any e-scooter pilot, before asking City staff to study the impact of e-scooters on people with disabilities. Toronto City Staff thereupon undertook a thorough study and concluded that no workable options exist to protect people with disabilities, including those technology options proposed by the e-scooter corporate lobbyists. Toronto City Council therefore wisely and unanimously said no to e-scooters. People with disabilities in Ottawa deserve no less.

We conclude this brief by noting that it is a painful irony that Ottawa has not made the Ottawa City Staff Report available in an accessible format. That violates the AODA's [Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation](#) and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Moreover, City Staff provided its Report in pdf format, claiming it was accessible. Yet it is widely known that pdf presents accessibility problems, and that where used, an alternative accessible format such as html or MS Word should also be provided at the same time.

Moreover, as of Friday, February 25, 2022, less than a week before Ottawa's Transportation Committee is to consider e-scooters, the City of Ottawa acknowledged that it could not then provide the City Staff report's supporting documents in an accessible format. Those were only provided less than a day before the March 2, 2022 Transportation Committee meeting, and only in pdf format (which, as just noted, presents accessibility problems). Here again, people with disabilities deserve better.