



To: Richmond City Council **Date:** May 22, 2009
From: Councillor Linda Barnes, Chair **File:** 10-6460-03
Public Works and Transportation Committee
Re: Neighbourhood Low Speed Electric Vehicles – Proposed Operating Conditions in the City of Richmond

The Public Works and Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on Thursday, May 21, 2009, considered the above matter, and recommends as follows:

Committee Recommendation

That:

- (1) *staff be directed to bring forth an amendment to Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 to permit the operation of Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles on public roadways in Richmond in accordance with the following conditions:***
 - (a) *the street has a speed limit of 50 km/hr or less; and***
 - (b) *the vehicle must travel in the lane on the street that is closest to the right-hand edge or curb of the street, except when a left-turn is necessary or when passing another vehicle.***
- (2) *a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to request that:***
 - (a) *the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 26/58, be amended to allow the operation of Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles Province-wide under a uniform set of regulations and without the need for individual municipalities to introduce new or amended traffic bylaws; and***
 - (b) *the regulations regarding the operation of Neighbourhood Zero Emission Vehicles be incorporated into ICBC driver training and licensing procedures.***

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VARIANCE

Please note that staff recommended the following, as (b) and (c) of Part (1):

- (b) *the street is not an arterial roadway;***
- (c) *the vehicle may cross an arterial roadway but not travel along it;***