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#### Who We Are

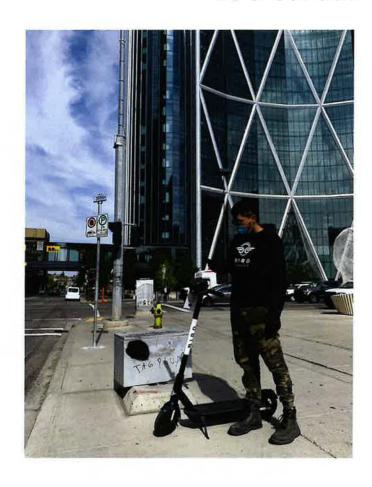
**Bird Canada Inc.** is a first KM / last KM, electric scooter sharing company dedicated to bringing affordable, environmentally friendly transportation solutions to Canadian municipalities.

We are a **Canadian owned and operated** venture that provides – in conjunction with Bird Rides Inc. in the United States – e-scooter sharing programs globally.





#### **Bird Canada Local Economic Contribution**



#### **Employment**

- For the length of the 2 year pilot, Bird Canada employed 85 people.
- In 2020, at peak we had 43 people employed in Calgary (including full time and part time).

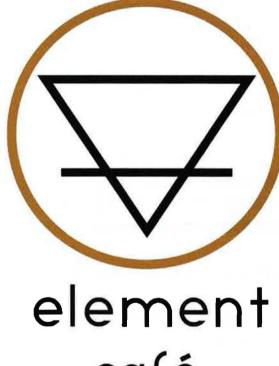
#### **Other Economic Impacts**

- Head Office/Corporate Employment: 4
- Sales Tax on rides: ~\$90,000 since 2019
- Real estate costs/leases: ~\$125,000/year (~\$250,000 spent on local real estate during pilot)
- Local expenditures: ~\$160,000 over to years to date

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Dear Mayor Nenshi,

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This year, we have been working closely with Bird Canada and we have been very pleased by our collaboration. Our partnership with Bird Canada, a Canadian company that is committed to conduct business in Calgary and is investing heavily in our business community, has provided Calgarians improved access to both mobility and banking services in a testing year for us all.

We truly believe that we need to continue supporting Canadian businesses investing in our city, and Bird Canada is one of the companies that has demonstrated a deep commitment to Calgarians.

Sincerely,

Andrew Chau Co-Founder, Neo Financial



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Sheena Dixon

Segment Manager, Hexagon



## **Bird Canada Community Involvement**





Top Right: AUMA Calgary 2020

Bottom Right: Inglewood Night Market (2019)

Top Left: Canadian Country Music Awards

(2019)

Bottom Left: Calgary Bump (Mural Festival)

2020





## Eau Claire Collaborative Case Study: City Staff + E-scooter Operators

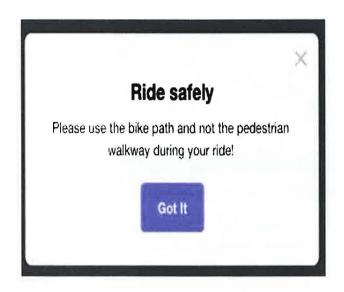
Please use the bike paths and not the pedestrian walkway during your ride!



- Eau Claire accounted for 11% of the 311s in 2019 and 40% in 2020
- Most of the concerns were around e-Scooter riders using the pedestrian pathway instead of the bike path.

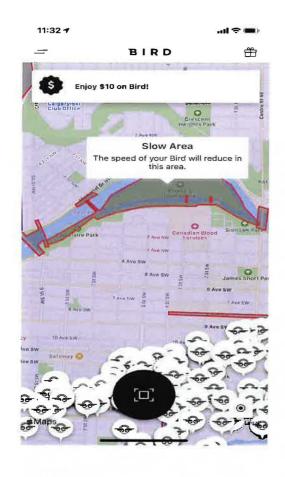
#### Improvements during Pilot:

- Signage was installed directing e-Scooters to the bike path
- In-app reminders in Eau Claire



Geofenced to Eau Claire area in Calgary

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#### Improvements during Pilot:

- Slow speed zone and 50 e-scooter cap per operator implemented for this area
- "Safe Streets" patrols of area





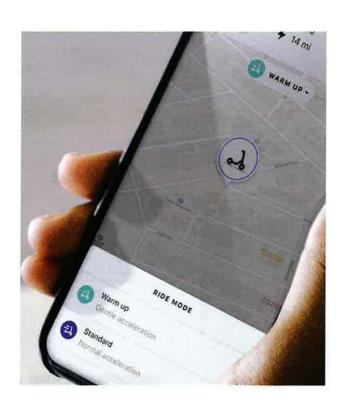
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#### Improvements in 2021:

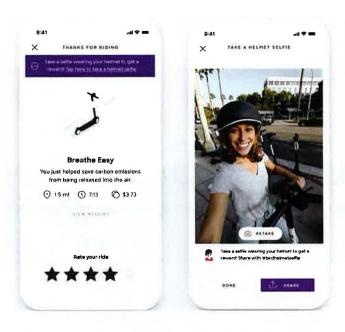
- E-scooter identification numbers
- E-scooters allowed on lower-speed/classification roadways

# Safety: "Warm Up" Mode



Warm Up mode automatically softens a Bird scooter's acceleration, allowing riders to slowly work their way up to full speed.

## Safety: "Helmet Selfies"





At the end of each trip, riders are asked to take a selfie.

Riders who demonstrate helmet usage can receive incentives such as future ride credits.

Riders can also share their selfie via social media and include #BirdHelmetSelfie to help promote broader adoption and use of helmets.

# **Safety: Community Mode**



Community Mode is an in-app reporting feature that allows anyone - whether or not they ride Bird - to report instances where a Bird is parked improperly, damaged, etc.

These reports help us take appropriate action such as deploying staff to reposition or remove a vehicle, or taking further disciplinary action as needed.

## Safety: "Sober Start"



Riders need to pass a cognitive assessment:

- CAPTCHA measures
- Stroop tests

to ensure an adequate degree of assessment before they unlock an e-scooter.

If the rider cannot complete the test, the e-scooter will not unlock.



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