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Re: **Provincial Road Safety**

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held June 21, 2021:

WHEREAS Vision Zero is an approach to road safety thinking based on the premise that no loss of life resulting from a motor vehicle collision is acceptable, and has been adopted by municipalities across Canada and around the world, including Durham Region, to inform their Durham Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS as part of Vision Zero Canada's mission, using Vision Zero as a guiding principle, safety is prioritized over factors such as cost, speed, delay, level of service, and convenience - factors upon which decisions were traditionally made;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Council of Motor Transportation Administrators (CCMTA) is the custodian of the *Road Safety Strategy 2025*, which encourages all road safety stakeholders to make Canada's roads the safest in the world and adopts a "safe systems approach", a key component of Vision Zero;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) has repeatedly requested the Province of Ontario to establish a Provincial Vision Zero Strategy;

AND WHEREAS following a City of Mississauga Council endorsement of the OGRA request and letter to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister indicated that the Province supports federal measures for road safety, but did not address a provincial Vision Zero strategy. The request by OGRA and Mississauga has since been reinforced by a motion of Peel Region Council;

AND WHEREAS all local and regional Vision Zero strategies would be better supported, more consistent and effective with provincial buy-in and a dedicated provincial strategy in place. For example, current automated speed enforcement (ASE) regulations only permit installation in community safety zones and school zones, without the ability for municipalities to strategically utilize ASE equipment in a timely way to collect data in support of Vision Zero goals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council affirm their support for Durham Region's Vision Zero goals and the Durham Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan;
2. Ajax Council requests that the Province of Ontario take immediate steps to consult on a province-wide Vision Zero strategy framework;
3. Ajax Council requests that the Province of Ontario amend the Automated Speed Enforcement regulations under the *Highway Traffic Act* to allow for greater flexibility for the use of ASE by Ontario municipalities;
4. This request be shared with the Region of Durham and local Durham municipalities for their support; and
5. This motion be distributed to the Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, and Rod Phillips, MPP for Ajax.

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or alexander.harras@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,



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The Region of Durham and all local Durham Region municipalities