
City Council

Motion without Notice

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| MM45.17 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Feasibility of reducing the speed limit by 10 km per hour on selected streets throughout the City - by Councillor Saundercook, seconded by Councillor Stintz

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Saundercook, seconded by Councillor Stintz, recommends that:

1. City Council request each Member of Council to submit a list of streets in their own Ward to the General Manager, Transportation Services, with a request that the General Manager report back, through the appropriate committee, on the feasibility of lowering the speed limit by 10km per hour on these streets.

Summary

As a result of the recent and increased number of pedestrian fatalities over the past couple of weeks, I would like to provide a solution that may help prevent these tragedies in the future.

Speed plays a role in the outcome of an accident. If we were able to slow down traffic on appropriate streets across the City, we may be able to prevent these accidents and encourage safer pedestrian environments.

In a study done by the Transportation Committee in London, England, it was discovered that roads that have had speed limits lowered to 33km per hour zones have reduced all casualties by 42 percent and fatal or serious injuries by 46 percent.

Lowering speed limits on our roads will make travelling as a pedestrian and as a driver safer. After 14 deaths in the month of January, something pro-active needs to be done.

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