

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM27.33	ACTION			Ward:All
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Increasing Speeding Fines on Residential Streets, in School Zones, and Around Playgrounds and Daycare Centres - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request an update on Member Motion MM3.4, adopted by City Council on February 10, 2015, requesting a report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the feasibility and mechanism to increase speeding fines on residential streets, in school zones, and around playgrounds and daycare centres.
2. City Council direct the City Manager to request the Province of Ontario allow for a mechanism to double the fine for speeding on residential streets, in school zones, and around playgrounds and daycare centres.

Summary

The incidence of speeding on residential streets and around sensitive use areas has reached an unacceptable level. Councillor offices receive numerous complaints around speeding and dangerous driving on a daily basis. All 44 Wards in the City of Toronto are currently utilizing the 'Slow Down' signs that I first introduced in my Ward in 2015; this speaks to the severity of the issue of speeding all across the City of Toronto.

Increased traffic on arterial roads has resulted in more vehicles travelling on residential streets as a means to bypass congested routes. In fact, utilizing new technology, navigation apps are encouraging drivers to travel through neighbourhoods and avoid main thoroughfares. The increased number of vehicles, combined with the speed they are travelling, makes safety on these routes a serious concern, but limited resources make consistent speeding and unsafe driving enforcement extremely limited. In many wards, and some Community Council areas, speed limits on residential streets have already been lowered to 30 km/h, however, the current set fines are not a significant enough deterrent to speeding in these areas.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM27.33