

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM10.9	ACTION			Ward: All
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Urging the Province to enact Regulations to enable school bus stop arm cameras - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

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

Recommendations

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council urge the Ontario Minister of Transportation to expedite enabling Regulations for school bus stop arm cameras under Ontario's Highway Traffic Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8).

Summary

We should be using every available tool to achieve Toronto's Vision Zero target, and stop arm cameras are one valuable measure among many others.

In April 2019, the Ontario Government enacted legislation allowing stop arm cameras to be installed on school buses across the Province. However, enabling Regulations for this legislation have not been introduced. Without a full suite of Regulations, stop arm cameras will be limited in achieving their full potential to increase road safety and reduce potential harm to the most vulnerable road users.

Stop arm cameras can be, and have been, installed on school buses in Ontario. In early September, the first successful prosecution using this technology was made in the Niagara Region. The Ministry of Transportation is still working on developing Regulations for evidence from stop-arm cameras to stand alone in court, without the need for a witness to appear. Other key regulatory details are required to achieve the full potential of this road safety technology.

Without a full set of Regulations we are missing out on one more valuable opportunity to prevent road deaths and injuries in the fight for road safety. The use of stop arm cameras has been welcomed and encouraged by school bus operators across the Province, including the Independent School Bus Operator Association of Ontario.

Background Information (City Council)

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