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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 8, 2023 City Council meeting on item 2023.IE7.4, Updates on Vision Zero Road Safety Initiatives - New Traffic Calming Policy, Community Safety Zone Criteria, Zebra Marking Policy, Approach to Area-Based Speed Limit Reductions and Related Council Requests

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Thank you.

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Comments:

MADD Canada's mission is to stop impaired driving and support victims and survivors of this violent crime. Despite the progress that has been made, hundreds of people are killed every year in Canada and thousands more are injured. Impaired driving remains one of the leading criminal causes of death in Canada.

We were pleased to see the Infrastructure and Environment Committee's recommendation to City Council to "request that the Ontario Minister of Transportation create a provincial Impaired Driving Task Force to support the prevention, awareness, enforcement and treatment of impaired driving and to generate more collaboration and consensus for effective solutions to address impaired driving across Ontario."

MADD Canada supports this recommendation.

We understand there is no one solution to impaired driving. We were pleased to see that Toronto Police Service (Toronto Police Service Board Report on Impaired Driving – Ref: 22-MM47.36) is using Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) and hope they will continue to increase its use. Other countries that use MAS robustly have seen reductions in deaths and injuries. A Provincial Task Force could examine how MAS and other enforcement tools, such as oral fluid devices to detect drug impaired driving, are being used. We think a Provincial Task Force would be well positioned to examine how impaired driving cases are being processed through the courts and the kind of sentences that drivers are receiving. An effective sentence, in our opinion, includes mandatory ignition interlocks, remedial programs and treatment where required.

We also agree that education and awareness are equally important. You are no doubt familiar with

our *Project Red Ribbon* campaign, which kicks off in November and runs through the holidays, our Call 911 program, our public service announcements and the work we do in schools across the province.

We encourage all councilors to support the call for a Provincial Task Force on Impaired Driving and MADD Canada looks forward to working with you to reduce deaths and injuries on our roads.

Thank you

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