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Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

**Re: City Council Consideration – November 8, 2023
Item - 2023.IE7.4**

11. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board and Toronto Parking Authority in partnership with Transportation Services to improve the safety of vulnerable road users by following the lead of Calgary and Montreal and acquiring at least 10 mobile automated licence plate readers for use, as a pilot project, primarily in enforcing parking offences that adversely affect the safety of vulnerable road users, such as obstructing bike lanes and blocking visibility at intersections, and to include an evaluation of the effectiveness of this pilot project in the overall parking strategy report scheduled for 2024.

Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors,

On behalf of the Toronto Police Service, this letter serves as a letter of support to the above Council recommendation pertaining to automated license plate readers (ALPR) for the purposes of the enforcement of parking regulations including bicycle lanes.

ALPR technology utilizes vehicle mounted cameras and optical character recognition (OCR) software to capture and interpret vehicles' license plates. The images and resulting data are then used to determine if infractions took place and enforcement action can be taken in a much more efficient manner including the mailing of parking tickets as opposed to service on vehicles, moving away from paper based tickets. This technology can enforce parking regulations in less time while boosting parking compliance and service delivery. The enforcement of bicycle lanes

would be extremely more effective resulting in improved road safety for users. Increased ticket issuance would also be realized as experienced in other jurisdictions.

I encourage and respectfully request that Council support this recommendation and provide adequate resources to implement a pilot program for ALPR.

If you have any questions or require any information, please contact Superintendent Jacqueline Baus of Traffic Operations at Jacqueline.Baus@torontopolice.on.ca

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Demkiw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Myron Demkiw, M.O.M.
Chief of Police