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Re: Safety Improvements at the Intersection of Brimley Road and McNicoll Avenue

Summary:

Dear Scarborough Community Council Colleagues,

On January 29, 2024, a 60-year-old woman was riding a bike in Ward 23 when she was struck by a person driving a vehicle making a left turn. Five days later, she tragically died from her injuries. Over the last week, I spoke to her son—who was still in shock by the crash and the death of his mother—and attended a very moving “ghost bike” memorial to honour her death. Scarborough North residents regularly contact my office with road safety concerns due to close calls or crashes which leave them afraid for their safety or the safety of their loved ones. It is vital that our residents and their families and friends can travel on our streets without fear that a crash will mean their loved ones will never come home.

This motion requests an urgent review of the intersection of Brimley Road and McNicoll Avenue in order to ensure a swift review of this intersection and staff recommendations to address safety risks for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

Recommendation:

Scarborough Community Council urgently requests the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Toronto Police Service as necessary, to report back to Scarborough Community Council in the second quarter of 2024 on traffic, cyclist, and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Brimley Road and McNicoll Avenue with recommendations to make this intersection safer, following the death of a person riding a bike which occurred at Brimley Road and McNicoll Avenue on January 29, 2024, and that the General Manager, Transportation Services, consider the Complete Streets Guidelines when making the recommendations.

Sincerely,

Jamaal Myers
Toronto City Councillor, Ward 23, Scarborough North

