

## **MOTION WITH NOTICE**

### **Making our Communities Safe by Supporting a Common Sense Approach to Speed Cameras**

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#### **SUMMARY:**

After Doug Ford's government implemented regulations in 2019 that gave municipalities authority to use speed cameras, he's now reduced them to a political prop and playing politics with our kid's safety.

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police have stated that automated speed enforcement cameras are effective and allow the police to focus on other public safety priorities like serious crime.

"Employing ASE tools has been proven to reduce speeding, change driver behaviour, and make our roads safer for everyone — drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and especially children and other vulnerable road users".

Speed cameras are installed in community Safety Zones and the data shows that they work. A study by SickKids and TMU found that they have reduced speeding by 45% in Toronto. In York Region, collisions are expected to be 53% lower and severe injuries have declined by 80%.

The enforcement of these speed cameras has not occurred in a transparent way, which has undermined public confidence.

I am calling for a common sense and evidence-based approach to the issuance of infractions. Cameras must be clearly marked, and the City must develop a more reasonable and transparent speed threshold regarding enforcement.

We should be ticketing reckless speeders, not penalizing people who are trying their best to follow the law.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q4 2025 on Automated Speed Cameras, including:
  - Data on the impact of Automated Speed Enforcement Program cameras on road safety including the reduction of pedestrian fatalities, severe injuries and

- collisions
  - Practices related to the issuance of Automated Speed Enforcement infractions
  - Measures to ensure more clear signage around speed cameras
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services:
    - Implement a reasonable threshold of enforcement that will ensure drivers who are inadvertently and not excessively exceeding the speed limit not be fined
    - Give notice of this threshold to the public to promote transparency and public confidence.
  3. City Council request the City Solicitor, in consultation with the General Manger, Transportation Services, report to City Council in Q4 2025 with options to protect all of the City's Vision Zero Road Safety tools, including the use of automated enforcement technology.