

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

TITLE: Support for a Piloted Automated Speed Enforcement Program in the City of Vaughan

FROM:

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Whereas, the MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy (MoveSmart) is a five-year capital and operational plan that sets the direction to advance the City's transportation goals and is founded on three pillars: safety, sustainability, and mobility; and

Whereas, MoveSmart addresses Council's commitment to provide a transportation system that is safer, more efficient, and sustainable in support of the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan; and

Whereas, an Automated Speed Enforcement Program (ASE) supports the City's commitment to advance and deliver on one of the road safety initiatives under MoveSmart; and

Whereas, while many programs and initiatives are being implemented through MoveSmart to address speeding in identified areas. ASE will be an additional innovative tool to supplement the new Council approved Speed Limit Policy to address excessive speeding on local roads; and

Whereas, ASE is an effective tool in ensuring road safety and compliance with regulated speed limits, by raising public awareness about the need to reduce speeds, and evidence and research indicate that other jurisdictions have effectively used ASE to reduce speeds on local roads, contributing to a safer road network for all road users; and

Whereas, a pilot program is to be initiated within the City of Vaughan, consisting of five mobile cameras to be rotated throughout all 5 Wards; and

Whereas, ASE will be positioned in established neighbourhood Community Safety Zones and Safer School Zone areas, prioritizing these sites based on speeding concerns, overall traffic volumes, collision history, and the presence of sidewalks or cycling facilities, schools, parks, community centres, and libraries; and

Whereas, ASE will be used in tandem with other innovative smart technologies to support the safe and efficient movement of travel for all road users on our local road network; and

Whereas, the implementation of the ASE program will be funded on a cost-recovery basis; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan will use the ASE pilot program to educate and inform residents about the implications of speeding, as well as to collect data to assist with the processing and administrative requirements to implement the program long term; and

Whereas, the ASE program will assist York Regional Police in their capacity to combat excessive speeding and stunt driving across the City of Vaughan.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the submission of the ASE pilot program be endorsed by Council; and
2. That a report be brought forward outlining the necessary agreements for the supply, installation, operation and maintenance of ASE, along with the administrative governance and funding requirements to implement and sustain the program.