



DATE: January 23, 2023
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Zoran Postic, Deputy City Manager, Public Works
RE: Agenda Item # 1– Special Committee of the Whole (Budget)
January 24, 2023

Response to Deputation made by Jean-François Obregón:
Additional Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras
Neighbourhood Traffic Calming
Urban Forestry Maintenance and
Signage

Purpose

To provide Mayor and Members of Council information in response to questions arising from the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2023.

Background

The MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy (MoveSmart) was approved by Council in March 2021 as significant growth within Vaughan required a road safety and mobility management strategy that allowed citizens a safer, more efficient, connected, and healthier experience while navigating the transportation network. MoveSmart's vision is to create a communal value of road safety being a shared responsibility.

A key road safety initiative identified under MoveSmart is the implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE).

ASE will serve to be a significant tool within the toolbox of traffic safety measures to counter speeding and unlawful driver behaviour.

The City of Vaughan is positioned to implement between five to ten ASE cameras in 2024 once the necessary legal requirements are satisfied. The implementation of such a multi-faceted program involves many stakeholders, both internal and external, as well as a detailed review of legislative requirements, information technology solutions, and privacy matters to protect citizens, which must be satisfied prior to launching this initiative. The *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) Court is currently under capacity constraints. There are neighbouring municipalities that have implemented ASE programs through the traditional POA. As of July 2022, the Province developed new provisions within legislation to allow for offenses and disputes to be processed through an *Administrative Monetary Penalty System* (AMPS).

The City of Vaughan has established a cross departmental team to launch ASE through AMPS as soon as the necessary legal requirements are satisfied.

There are presently processing ticket capacity limits set by the Toronto Joint Processing Centre (JPC) which function is to review all violations in detail. We continue to engage with the JPC to advise of our intention for future ASE program expansion. City staff will be bringing a report to Committee of the Whole at the end of Q2-2023 to discuss details of the program, including the number of cameras to be deployed across the City.

It is important to note that although there are legislative provisions outlining that any monetary gains acquired through ASE penalties are to be reinvested within various transportation safety programs, the overarching goal is to deter speeding, change driver behaviour, and make our roads safer, as this will equate to a successful program. Once ASE is established, monitoring and evaluation will ensue, along with assessing further areas of focus for possible program expansion.

MoveSmart has also identified a Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Plan (the Plan) as one of the initiatives under the road safety program.

The Plan will look at a suite of traffic calming tools available and develop a guideline for planning and designing traffic calming for existing and new streets in Vaughan. The Plan will support all modes of transportation used by people in an inclusive and equitable manner. Mr. Obregón has been informed about the broader Plan, wherein his request for traffic calming measures along Glen Shields Avenue will be taken into consideration. Mr. Obregón was added to a project mailing list to be kept apprised of all stages of the Plan, provided a survey, as well as invitations to various pre-scheduled community meetings to be held over the next few months.

Glen Shields Avenue is scheduled for road rehabilitation in 2024 and traffic calming considerations will be evaluated in accordance with the City's Traffic Calming Policy and Procedures (the Policy).

In accordance with the Policy, vertical measures such as speed humps are not installed on streets that are used as emergency response or transit routes. Glen Shields Avenue is identified as a collector road and a primary emergency response route. Staff will look for opportunities through the Plan, as well as engage with the Infrastructure Delivery Department to identify suitable traffic calming measures along this collector road, as part of the road rehabilitation project.

The Urban Forestry Management Plan is anticipated to be delivered in the fall of 2023.

The Tree Maintenance strategy will take a proactive approach to tree health with regular inspections and scheduled pruning to ensure the City's tree canopy is safe and healthy.

Forestry Staff have contacted Mr. Obregón to meet on site along with members of the Glen Shields Ratepayers Association to discuss the tree replacement program and visit areas of opportunity within the vicinity of Glen Shields Avenue.

The request for pedestrian signage along Dufferin St. and Clark Avenue will be forwarded by Staff to the Regional Municipality of York for their consideration and response.

For more information, contact:

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Respectfully submitted by

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