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Vaughan Special Committee Meeting: September 15, 2025

Re: Speed Cameras

Good Afternoon,

Speed cameras are typically installed because of documented speeding issues. As you know, municipalities use traffic studies to justify their placement in areas such as school zones or locations of known elderly residents. I understand there are a series of options being evaluated to address the issue, and I would like to outline how this impacts Vaughan residents and downstream consequences.

While a drop in speed would decrease the likelihood of an accident in these vulnerable areas, a significant drop in posted speed limits (such as 40kph to 30kph) may negatively impact volume flow. Naturally, some drivers will still speed, as they have a complete disregard for the safety of others.

I have also heard the option suggested where if someone is caught speeding by camera, they would not receive another violation for the rest of the month. This option completely lacks logic as perpetrators will simply continue to speed knowing they will only incur one consequence per month—a price some are no doubt happy to pay.

Having an actual police presence issuing tickets is not a good use of an officers time or the city's budget, where they can be reducing the response time in 911 calls. Also, where an officer may issue a ticket every 10 minutes, the camera can continuously be monitoring ensuring more consistent consequences for perpetrators.

Reducing lanes temporarily could help, but it's a much more disruptive and costly

measure.

Coming down from the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, who wants to disband the infrastructure already set up, what about increasing the threshold limit for the cameras. Instead of the assumed limit of 10% over the posted limit, increase this to 20%. This way, only those who have a complete disregard for their speed, deserve to get penalized.

Cameras offer a consistent, low-maintenance way to encourage safer driving without creating daily traffic jams. They are posted, so it cannot be a surprise to drivers, unless they are not observing the posted signage.

As for the claim that speed cameras are just revenue tools, fines only occur when laws are broken—avoiding a ticket is as simple as following the speed limit, which in turn keeps Vaughan residents safe. We cannot forget that driving is a privilege and not a right.

I urge you to keep the cameras going. My neighbour, who is a habitual speeder, learned his lesson and does not speed anymore. A kick in the pocketbook does work if the city of Vaughan has the courage to protect its vulnerable residents with a solution like speed cameras.

As I keep saying: "you do the crime, you do the time, or pay the fine"

Regards,

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