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Communication

Sp. CW – September 15, 2025

Item No. 1

From: [REDACTED]
To: Council@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Cash-Grab!
Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025 5:46:46 PM

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Dear Council members:

Your Automated Speed Enforcement cameras are nothing but a CASH GRAB and they do nothing to make the roads safer.

I received a Penalty Order today indicating that a vehicle registered to me was driving at 51 km/h on Hilda Ave. northbound, north of Jonathan Gt., where the posted speed limit is 40 km/h.

The city reduced the speed from 50 to 40 on Hilda, and placed a camera right in this newly speed-reduced section, a place where I would only have been going 1 km/h over the speed limit before it was reduced.

It's outrageous for me to have to pay \$78.25 exceeding the speed by so little.

This includes a "Victim Fine Surcharge" of \$15.00 — there is no victim here, other than me!

It also includes a "Licence Plate Search Fee" of \$8.75 — I have to pay you to search for my license plate in order for you to take money from me???

I'm surprised there is no GST charged... oh, but Vaughan doesn't get the GST, that goes to the federal government, so it's not worth it for you to tack that on too.

My brake lights are on — I am clearly braking.

A car is passing me — how do I know that the camera recorded my speed and not that vehicle's speed?

I end up constantly looking at my speedometer when I'm driving in Vaughan, rather than looking at the road. That is unsafe!

And the constantly changing speed limits on a single stretch of road are annoying — Clark Ave. West between Dufferin and Bathurst goes from 50 to 40 to 50 to 40 over the course of 2 km. If a truck is in the right lane and blocks my view a speed limit sign that says "40 begins," I can end up getting dinged by a speed camera without even knowing that the speed has been reduced on a short part of a road that conveniently has a speed camera placed right after the speed is reduced.

So I have been driving at 38 km/h on cruise control throughout the city so I don't get fined for going 1 km/h over the speed limit if the limit is suddenly reduced and a speed camera placed. That doesn't make the car behind me happy on 50 or 60 km/h sections of roadway.

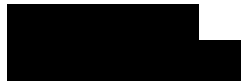
If you reduce the speed limits in Community Safety Zones to 30 km/h as is currently being proposed, I can't imagine how frustrated drivers will be. Have you tried driving 40 km/h on Clark from Dufferin to Bathurst when there is no traffic? It feels incredibly slow! . Clark is a major arterial road; it is a wide street engineered for 50 or 60 km/h, with wide grass boulevards separating the street from the sidewalk — pedestrians are far from the roadway. This is not about safety; unnaturally low speed limits and speed cameras placed right after the speed limit is reduced have no effect on safety, contrary to the skewed online public engagement vaughan.ca/30km survey. According to the information presented in this survey, it would be even safer to reduce speeds to 20 km/h, and even safer at 10 km/h. Should we revert to riding horses or walking rather than driving so that there will be no car accidents?

I am boiling mad at the City's attempt at a cash grab. The city is supposed to serve residents, not gratuitously pick our pockets.

Every member of my community who I have talked to is incensed with these speed cameras. We are fed up with the over-regulation in Vaughan, and we feel we have no recourse.

Please get rid of these useless speed cameras.

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Steven Del Duca](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Concern Over Speeding Camera Tickets on Kipling Ave (Villagewood Crt) - Request for Consideration
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:35:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Mayor Del Duca and Counselor Volpentesta,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing as a concerned resident regarding three recent automated speeding violations I received on Kipling Avenue at Villagewood Court in Woodbridge, Ontario. The tickets were issued on:

- May 3, 2025 – for travelling 11 km/h over the posted limit
- May 13, 2025
- May 23, 2025

All three infractions occurred outside of school hours.

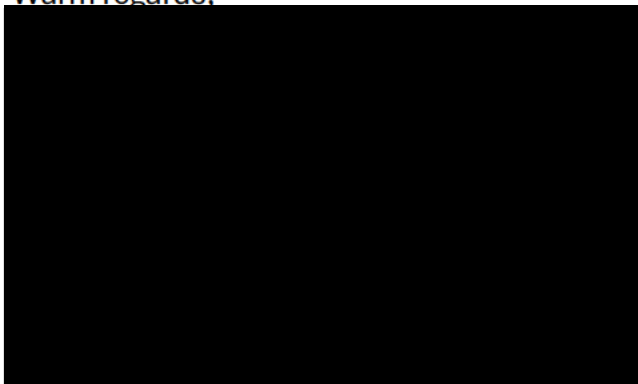
While I fully support initiatives that enhance road safety, particularly in school zones, I was surprised to learn that speed cameras had been installed in this area without any prior notice or public communication. Furthermore, the justification given—that this is a school zone—does not seem applicable. The closest school is not located directly on Kipling Avenue, and none of the violations occurred during school hours.

Adding to my frustration is the recent announcement from your office regarding a freeze on issuing tickets from these new speed cameras—an action taken just days after I had already paid the fines associated with these violations.

I respectfully ask whether there is an avenue for reconsideration or reimbursement under these circumstances. At the very least, greater transparency and public notice regarding the installation and activation of speed cameras would help ensure residents are informed and able to comply proactively.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Warm regards,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Speeding Cameras
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 8:34:58 PM

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To whom it may concern;

Hi how are you? I understand that these cameras are put in around school zones, I don't agree however that people should be getting a ticket for 1-10 km over. We are not even allowed to appeal them as they get denied.

The city wants us to be safe and cautious drivers and to always watch the road but now with these we also must watch our speedometers because if we even go 2 km over we will get fined. Getting fined anywhere from \$180-\$500 is very extreme and unfair especially in today's economy and especially if you are one income household.

Would it not be easier to put speed bumps in school zones instead? I am very upset about this situation. These are put in yet there's violence and other crimes being committed and nothing being done about it.

Thank you for taking the time read my email and I do hope that the city removes these

Thank you
[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: [External] Speed cameras - recommendation
Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 9:39:12 PM

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Good evening,

Thank you, Adriano for responding to my suggestion and I'm happy to share it here for consideration by the City.

I am very much supportive of the new speed cameras and other measures to keep our roads safe, especially around school. In fact, I've contacted the city several times about making improvements in my personal neighborhood (Kleinburg - Donhill Cres/Camlaren/Rushworth area) - though noting has been implemented.

Regarding the new speed cameras, I noticed there's confusing signage at the Rutherford one (near Al Pal):

There is a "60" speed limit sign just a meters before the camera zone and the new "40" sign. This is going eastbound on Rutherford.

I believe the 60 sign is old/from before the new rules, but it's certainly confusing for drivers as they see it just as they are entering the 40 camera zone.

Perhaps the 60 sign can be move to the other sign of the intersection or simply replaced with a 40 sign?

Thank you!

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED] [Integrity Commissioner](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement _ EXTRA FEES!
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:07:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for including the Mayor in your correspondence.

I understand it can be frustrating to see additional charges like the victim fine surcharge on a ticket—especially when it feels unrelated, like in the case of a speeding ticket from an automated camera. However, the surcharge isn't directly tied to the type of offense. It's a provincial policy meant to help fund services for victims of crime across Ontario.

The idea is that everyone who breaks the law—whether it's a traffic infraction or a criminal offence—contributes to the broader justice system, which includes supporting victims. While it may not feel fair in every individual case, the system uses these fees to ensure stable funding for crisis counseling, emergency shelters, court support, and more.

That said, you're not alone in questioning the fairness of this system. It has faced criticism over the years, especially regarding how it's applied uniformly without considering personal circumstances. If you feel strongly about this, you can contact your local MPP or explore options to contest the ticket. We at the City of Vaughan, or any other municipality across Ontario cannot remove these fees. Any municipality running an ASE program across the Province is bound to pay these fees as directed by the Province.

I hope that helps provide greater insight into the extra fees.

Regards,

Anna Venturo




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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:50 AM
To: Integrity Commissioner
Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca; [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement _ EXTRA FEES!

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Good morning,

I received a penalty order today with regards to the 'Automated Speed Enforcement' in Vaughan.

I would like to make a comment about all the "other fees" that are charged on top of the "Penalty Amount."

I think this is something that should be re-evaluated.

Was I speeding yes, was it way over.. no – 51 in a 40... so fine, I was speeding and the Penalty is \$55. No problem, I will pay.

BUT..

By the time you finish paying online the total is not \$55 it's... **\$80.25!**

Victim Fine Surcharge - \$15

Licence Plate Search Fee - \$8.25

Fee to pay online \$ 2

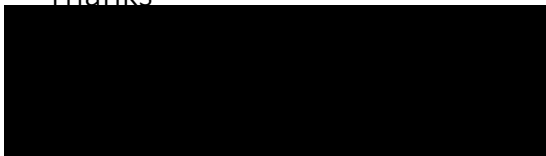
That's an extra \$25.25 on top of the Penalty.

A bit of a "gouging," don't you think?

Would suggest the "extra fees be reduced" as with all the AI technology in the world, I am sure it doesn't cost \$25 more per ticket to process.

The Automated Speed Enforcement is already being perceived as a "CASH GRAB" and now you are just rubbing it in our faces with extra fees.

Thanks



From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED] Council@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Issues
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 12:11:37 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]
On behalf of Mayor Del Duca, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. We appreciate your feedback.
When deployed responsibly, ASE programs are a valuable tool for protecting vulnerable road users and keeping our roads safe. Earlier this month, Mayor Del Duca directed City staff to provide a report back to Council with an update on the ASE program, to be completed by the end of June. Additionally, the Mayor has called for a discussion at York Region Council before that program is expanded.
Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts.
Kind regards,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:11 AM
To: Council@vaughan.ca; mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: Gila Martow
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Issues

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Hi there,
I attended the annual SFRA (SpringFarm Ratepayers Association) meeting this past May 13th, and the issue that brought out the most contention and frustration by residents were the automated speed enforcement cameras.
While we all understand how in school zones the kids need

to be protected, the way they are being implemented and administered was the issue that brought out the most emotion by residents.

From a personal front, I can attest that I myself was ticketed last Friday, May 21st at 6:48 p.m., driving northbound on Hilda north of Jonathan Gate for going 52 km's in a 40 km per hour zone. You have no idea how careful I am driving knowing these cameras are omnipresent, and even then, going the speed of traffic and letting my guard down for a second caught me for a minor infringement.

Let me summarize based on the meeting my own concerns and those of others that were voiced at the meeting:

- Speed limits keep getting lowered to the point where driving at it becomes unsafe driving it due to tailgating and cars swerving around you
- Some operate outside of school hours like the one that I got
- Feels like a cash grab when for very marginal speed infringements we are being ticketed for, like mine
- The proceeds apparently go back into the road safety and speed program, so in essence the money collected does not go back into lowering our taxes or paying for much needed services.
- Is there a proper accounting of who installs the cameras, administers it, and what % of the revenue generated goes to them and not back to the City of Vaughan

Bottom line we all felt this program is in immediate drastic need of alteration to operate in a fair manner to protect kids and also to the drivers. A direct consequence of this is that I will choose to drive on side streets to avoid the cameras, so do you think that the local residents on those streets will prefer having me there, where kids are often playing in front of their houses and/or on the street itself?

While we would prefer it is removed permanently and manned police officers were the ones giving out tickets with real consequences like demerit points, that ship seems to have sailed, so at minimum please modify it to reflect reality and not the cash grab it is now.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]
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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Penalty Orders - Penalty Number [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:56:18 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented.

That's why, on June 4th, I brought forward a motion at Committee to **temporarily pause the ASE program until September 2025** and to **suspend any further penalty notices as of June 5th**. I have also asked that staff work on **issuing warning notices as part of an educational campaign**, so that residents are made aware of enforcement zones over the summer, reinforcing the goal of behaviour change through awareness.

During this pause, City staff will work to report back with recommendations to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and effectiveness. **Rest assured; fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan.**

Staff were asked to consider the following recommendations (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list):

- Installing **larger, more visible, and clearer signage** in Community Safety Zones where ASE cameras are deployed;
- Adding **pavement markings** to alert drivers they are entering a school or safety zone and to encourage slower speeds;
- Exploring **alternative traffic-calming measures** such as speed cushions and flexi-posts;
- Reviewing options to **limit the number of infractions** a single vehicle owner can receive in a short period; and
- Providing a **warning notice** each time ASE cameras are relocated to new areas across the city;

If you received a penalty order (or ticket) for speeding infractions that occurred prior to June 4 at 5 p.m., you have two options:

- **Pay the fine according to the instructions outlined on the ticket.**
- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Regards,
Steven

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 4:57 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: anna.roberts@parl.gc.ca; michael.guglielmin@parl.gc.ca
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Penalty Orders - Penalty Number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Penalty Number [REDACTED]

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Dear Mayor Del Duca,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to respectfully request your consideration in cancelling two recent Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) tickets I received in the mail, both issued within a very short time frame in the City of Vaughan.

The first ticket was issued on a Friday evening around 7:00 PM, and the second followed less than 48 hours later, on a Sunday morning at approximately 8:00 AM. Both were in a school zone, and the combined fines total nearly \$400 — a significant financial burden, especially during such economically challenging times.

What I find particularly concerning is the fact that there was no opportunity for awareness or correction between the two incidents. There was inadequate signage in the area, and I had not yet received the first ticket in the mail by the time the second one was issued. This made it impossible for me to know that a speed camera was active at that location and adjust my driving accordingly — a point that I understand you acknowledged in your recent Instagram post announcing a pause to the program.

I do not believe that the speed camera program is an effective way to create safer roads. Receiving a ticket in the mail days later does nothing to immediately change driver behavior or protect pedestrians in the moment. If the City of Vaughan is truly committed to road safety, I believe the funds used to install these cameras would be better spent on proven tools like speed bumps, raised crosswalks, or flexible speed signs placed in the middle of the road. These are real-time, physical deterrents that directly influence driver behavior and enhance safety in school zones. I appreciate your leadership in recognizing the current flaws in the ASE program — particularly around signage, fairness, and the sheer number of tickets being issued. Given that the City is now re-evaluating the program for these very reasons, I strongly feel that residents like myself should not be penalized under a system that is now acknowledged to be flawed.

I respectfully ask that you consider cancelling or voiding these two tickets under the circumstances. Doing so would not only offer fair relief but also reinforce public trust in the City's commitment to transparency and meaningful road safety improvements.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to our community. I look forward to hearing from your office.

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:13:46 PM
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

On behalf of Mayor Del Duca, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence. The Mayor appreciates your feedback.

Earlier this week, Mayor Del Duca requested that staff provide Council with an update on the ASE program, to be completed by the end of June.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts.

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, May 19, 2025 12:41 PM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement

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Good Morning Steven:

I am writing this note to express my extreme concern with the administration of the "*Automated Speed Enforcement*" system in the City of Vaughan.

Let me make it unequivocally clear that I fully support the enforcement of speed rules, especially in areas designated as "*Community Safety Zones (CSZ)*" etc.

I also accept that I *apparently* exceeded the speed limit in the 2 instances. While I appreciate that the Ontario system suggests that "*finest may be doubled*" in areas designated as CSZ, the financial penalty to me appears to be what might be referred to as a "**cash grab**" by the city.

Specifically:

1. The **Penalty Amount** was set at a rate of 1.67 what the penalty should have been for *apparently* travelling 23 km/hr. over the limit. Appreciating that it could be 2 times the number, to have charged 1.67 the rate seems to be excessive.
2. I appreciate that the **Victim Fine Surcharge**, is collected by the Provincial Government to support programs for victims of crime. However, the "*E-Laws Currency Date*" on the **ontario.ca** site suggests May 14, 2025 yet my 2 infractions took place prior to that date. It is not the incremental \$5 or \$10 because of the new surcharge, it is the principle of a surcharge that increases based on fine amount, which is impacted by the factor used in #1 above.
3. The **License Plate Search Fee**, which once again is something that is set by the provincial government, though the published rates for citizens or municipalities seems to indicate I should consider a career change given the rates noted.

Steven, I fully understand that the automated system provides the opportunity to identify speeding infractions at a

greater rate than utilizing the resources of the police department. This allows for those resources to be deployed in activities that are of benefit to the community. I also understand that the automated system provides municipalities the ability to collect incremental revenue versus utilizing police resources.

That said, challenges will undoubtedly take place as citizens question technological errors, malfunction due to weather, damage from vandalism ,etc. These challenges will be even more rampant when citizens feel the fines are excessive. The challenges will serve to negate some of the financial benefit of the automated system as costs to defend these mount.

While safe roads are of paramount concern, the punitive aspect should support and complement the intended goals. I trust that Council will put this on the agenda and, through staff, examine and develop a revised approach that strikes a balance and supports the achievement of the goals.

As always, I appreciate the time to consider my thoughts, as we all work together to build a stronger and safer city in Vaughan.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Cc: Adriano.volpentessa@vaughan.ca
Subject: Re: [External] Concerns about the speeding cameras
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025 3:15:04 PM

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Thanks for the update.

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From: Steven Del Duca
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 3:11:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Adriano.volpentessa@vaughan.ca
Subject: Re: [External] Concerns about the speeding cameras

Thanks for your message [REDACTED] really appreciate it. We've heard similar concerns from other residents and that's why, earlier this week, Council approved my motion to temporarily pause the City's ASE program until our staff report back to us in September with a series of improvements to the implementation that will do a better job of informing residents rather than simply levying financial penalties.

Please let me know if you need any other information on this.

Regards,

Steven

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 3:02:09 PM
To: Steven Del Duca
Cc: Adriano.volpentessa@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Concerns about the speeding cameras

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Dear Steven Delduca And Adriano Volpentesa

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns about the recent installation of speed cameras in our community. While I understand the importance of maintaining safety on our roads, I believe that the current implementation may inadvertently lead to significant financial burdens for residents.


Many members of our community, including myself, have been receiving speeding tickets on a regular basis since the cameras were introduced. The fines can add up quickly, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for families to manage these unexpected expenses. I fear that this may lead to frustration and division rather than fostering a sense of safety and community responsibility.

I encourage you to consider the potential impact of the speed cameras on residents' finances and quality of life. Perhaps there could be alternative solutions to address speeding concerns—such as increased signage, public awareness campaigns, or community speed reduction initiatives—that could enhance safety without imposing such a heavy financial strain.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this issue. I appreciate your commitment to our community and look forward to seeing how we can work together to ensure both safety and fairness .

Thank you

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] FW: 3 tickets in less than 2 weeks appeal
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:25:28 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]
Thank you for reaching out regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program. From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented. That's why, on June 4th, I brought forward a motion at Committee to temporarily pause the ASE program until September 2025 and to suspend any further penalty notices as of June 5th. I have also asked that staff work on issuing warning notices as part of an educational campaign, so that residents are made aware of enforcement zones over the summer, reinforcing the goal of behaviour change through awareness. During this pause, City staff will work to report back with recommendations to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and effectiveness. Rest assured; fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan. Staff were asked to consider the following recommendations (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list):

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 9:14 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [REDACTED] bylaw.licensing [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] FW: 3 tickets in less than 2 weeks appeal
Importance: High

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Dear Mr. Del Luca

Good Day

Thank you for sending a message on Facebook for taking care of cameras installation and road signs as well as the program associated with it. I was impressed on how carefully you tried to calm down the whole situation and halting installation of new cameras until a clear path forward with the safety in mind for our children is chosen. Three cheers for you, Mr. Del Luca.

With the same token, I do expect you to put a hold on the tickets issued within last 3-6 months until the new signs with a clear instructions for driver is put in place. Confused public and drivers can jeopardize the hard work your council is doing to make sure safety is lived every day by citizens of Vaughan. Please see my letter sent out for hearing below about how confusing the signs of New Westminster Road have which has three schools on the same road. Please let me know if you will like to have any more information. I am hoping you will set up the example with a new by law for Vaughan, or come up with a creative modern but effective solution for safety of our city.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 10:21 AM
To: bylaw@vaughan.ca
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 3 tickets in less than 2 weeks appeal
Importance: High

Dear Screening and Hearing officers

Good day to you, this is my follow up letter sent out yesterday with all the details and rationale to you for appealing against penalty received by me.

I am extremely sad and disheartened by the fact that I have received 3 penalty order tickets by automated speed enforcement by the corporation of City of Vaughan in mail over past few days. I am writing this letter in a melancholy mood.

See summary of the traffic tickets received by me in Table 1 and attachments of copies of tickets to this letter.

Table 1: Traffic tickets summary for [REDACTED]

Penalty Order	Date Error Made	Direction	Time	Penalty \$	UFN (see attachment to this letter)	Paid
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#1	08 May 2025	New Westminster Dr Northbound	11:03 AM	93.25	[REDACTED]	Yes
#2	02 May 2025	New Westminster Dr Northbound	12:07 PM	78.25	[REDACTED]	No
#3	14 May 2025	New Westminster Dr Northbound	3:42 PM	208.25	[REDACTED]	No
Total				379.75		

I have shared the tickets in the summary Table in the order that they I received at my home address.

Below is my rationale on why I think this should be contested by me.

1. I have a very clean record and got a very few traffic tickets in the past 28 years of driving in Ontario, and I intend to keep it that way for rest of my driving time on this earth.
2. The cameras were placed on new Westminster drive next to St Elizabeth School, Thornhill very recently and I do appreciate that city is making efforts to have safe community zones in city of Vaughan. I do agree that this is an excellent way of making sure that our children are safe, and traffic is not moving at high speed. I get 3 tickets within a span of 10 days at the same spot showing how consistently I am making the same error, therefore, I decided to analyze the situation in the hand and start asking why I am making the same error again and again. My analysis is explained in #2.
3. There are 3 schools on the New Westminster Drive and numerous signs indicating that this is a school safety zone starting and then the safe zone is ending and then safe zone starting. Anyone will feel dizzy with this many signs and will be confused as I was. Since we established that these signs may be too confusing, and someone (e.g. a subject matter expert from traffic department with the input from diverse drivers) needs to look at these signs closely. The outcome could be very different after these discussions e.g. changing the New Westminster drive to a designated 40 km zone for the drivers in the area.
4. The signs are not only confusing but are also inconsistent. Additional camera signs can become too much for people like me who are driving every day on the same road for work. To add to the complexity of the signs, there are numerous traffic lights on this road along with a downhill road where speed zone suddenly becomes 40 kms (next to LHF and catholic school) from a 60 km zone going south on New Westminster.
5. So overall, in my opinion, the road signs on New Westminster drive northbound and southbound needs to be evaluated and being a law abiding citizen, I am like to raise awareness to this confusing road signs situation to your kind attention via this letter.
6. Having described the tricky situations on driving conditions on new Westminster drive, I still have no excuse to drive fast on this road. I will be happy to consider working with a traffic consultant to come up with the solution that works for safety of our children, drivers, pedestrians as well as a common citizen like me. For your consideration only, one example to avoid the future safety related driving tickets is making new Westminster Road as **40 km road** for school timings (between 7:00 am to 5:00 pm) and for the rest of time, it could be still a 60 km speed road.
7. I am certain that this is not the only solution and you can come with better solutions that will work for safe school zones and law abiding citizens.
8. I am a law abiding Canadian citizen and do take pride in my slow and safe driving habits but still admit that I am only a human and not a computer and can get confused with the confusing signs. I do promise to reset my mind to make sure that I don't break any driving rules in future.
9. Please note that I will be trying my level best not to get any more traffic tickets at least on new Westminster drive. I am expecting that as I have already paid for one ticket, that the other two tickets should be cancelled or reduced for penalty as it is a large \$ amount for me. I will be happy to present my case to the authorities (if needed) and will like to request to combine all 3 tickets together. Thank you for looking into this matter and reading my email. I will be delighted if you can sort this out by email itself and I don't have to come to the court to repeat my story which I have already described above.
10. However, If this hearing needs to happen in person, I will have to request an online hearing as I work full time.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:06 PM

To: bylaw@vaughan.ca

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: 3 tickets in less than 2 weeks appeal

Dear Screening and hearing officer

I am extremely sad and disheartened by the fact that I received 3 tickets in mail over past few days

See summary below; I will be preparing my summary and sending why I would like to contest

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I have shared the tickets in the order that they were received.

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Transportation](#)
Subject: RE: [External] FW: York Region Administrative Penalty Tribunal: Screening Decision (202527252H102088K001)
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 5:02:17 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]
Thank you for reaching out to the Mayor with your comments, concerns, and suggestions regarding Automated Speed Enforcement. We appreciate your feedback.
When deployed responsibly, ASE programs are a valuable tool for protecting vulnerable road users and keeping roads safe.
As your penalty was received on a regional road, I have taken the liberty of sharing your correspondence with York Region Transportation Services for their review and consideration.
Thank you again for contacting the Mayor.

Anna Ventura
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 9:00 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] FW: York Region Administrative Penalty Tribunal: Screening Decision
[REDACTED]

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Mayor Del Duca,
Please see my penalty order below.
I am not happy that camera's can take arbitrary pictures of my license plate and then claim that I was speeding. **I do not trust the cameras, nor do I trust that they are calibrated properly.**
If you want to enforce speed safety, then please install flashing lights at the beginning and end of the speed zone.
This will definitely warn drivers to slow down within safety zone.
The current camera system in place with road marking and signage is not enough.
I truly believe that these cameras are no set-up for safety, but to increase revenues for the city.

As a law-abiding, tax paying citizen and longtime safe and conscientious driver, I am very very disappointed in you and your committees that have installed this speed trap / money grabbing program.

Again, I repeat, install signs with flashing warning lights in the safety areas.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: York Region - Administrative Penalty Tribunal <apt@york.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: York Region Administrative Penalty Tribunal: Screening Decision [REDACTED]

Penalty Order #: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

A screening review was conducted for the Penalty Order referenced above.

The result of the review is that the Penalty Order has been confirmed and therefore the Penalty Order has not been changed. The reason(s) are outlined below:

Thank, you, [REDACTED] for your screening request. Automated Speed Enforcement violations are classified as owner liability offenses. This means that whenever a municipal speed camera records a vehicle surpassing the speed limit, the Penalty Order is directed to the registered owner of the license plate associated with the vehicle. The photographic evidence indicates, on a balance of probabilities, that the contravener's vehicle committed the offence. I have heard and read your submissions, along with the officer's evidence, photographs, and certified statement, and concluded that there is insufficient evidence to justify reducing or cancelling the penalty order. All drivers must adhere to the posted speed limits, regardless of situational circumstances, without exceptions. The officer certifies that the automated speed enforcement system used complies with the Ontario Regulation and was in operation and functioning properly at the time the photograph was taken. The officer also certifies that they have reviewed the Certificate of Accuracy, which is twelve months of the date of the contravention for the automated speed enforcement system and confirmed that it measured the motor vehicles speed correctly. Also please note as mentioned during the screening that the affirmation of this penalty at this time currently, based on the existing legislation, does not result in the accrual of demerit points, does not affect your insurance, and is not recorded on your driving record. Should you find my decision unfair or inappropriate, you have the option to request a review before a Hearing Officer. Please note, however, that no new evidence will be accepted, as this review is not intended to serve as a new hearing. The purpose of the review is solely to assess whether my decision was fair and appropriate under the circumstances.

You are required to pay the amount of \$88.25 by Friday, June 6, 2025. To make payment, you can use one of the following methods:

1. Pay online: <https://york.ca/PayMyPenalty>
2. Pay by telephone: 1-888-448-0000
3. Pay in person: 17150 Yonge Street, 2nd floor

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Sincerely,

Marie Reilly | Screening Officer | 1-888-448-0000

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: City of Vaughan Screening Decision – Document Attached
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:48:22 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your feedback regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented.

That's why, on June 4th, I brought forward a motion at Committee to **temporarily pause the ASE program until September 2025** and to **suspend any further penalty notices as of June 5th**. I have also asked that staff work on **issuing warning notices as part of an educational campaign**, so that residents are made aware of enforcement zones over the summer, reinforcing the goal of behaviour change through awareness.

During this pause, City staff will work to report back with recommendations to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and effectiveness. **Rest assured, fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan.**

Staff were asked to consider the following recommendations (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list):

- Installing **larger, more visible, and clearer signage** in Community Safety Zones where ASE cameras are deployed;
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- Providing a **warning notice** each time ASE cameras are relocated to new areas across the city;

If you received a penalty order (or ticket) for speeding infractions that occurred prior to June 4 at 5 p.m., you have two options:

- **Pay the fine according to the instructions outlined on the ticket.**
- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Regards,
Steven

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 1:26 PM

To: Nicole Sterritt ; mayor@vaughan.ca

Cc: Permit, Parking

Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: City of Vaughan Screening Decision – Document Attached

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Hi Nicole,

Understood, which is why I'm requesting the office of the mayor to address this, as the owners of this program and the suspension of it.

It makes very little sense and I believe all tickets that were issued should be cancelled. I don't know if this will be challenged in court but something that was deemed inappropriate should be applied retroactively as well.

As a tax paying resident of the city of Vaughan, which the city is supposed to serve, I would be happy to get the mayor's response, especially after watching the post on Instagram.

Best regards,

On Tue, 10 Jun 2025 at 13:20, Nicole Sterritt <Nicole.Sterritt@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Good Day,

Unfortunately, the decision was made to only change the process for ticket issued after 5pm on June 4th, 2025. I cannot cancel your tickets. My decision has already been made so you have the option to appeal it to a hearing to see if they will come up with a different decision.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Sterritt

Screening Officer

905-832-8505 Ext.3105 | nicole.sterritt@vaughan.ca

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June-10-25 1:16 PM

To: Nicole Sterritt <Nicole.Sterritt@vaughan.ca>; mayor@vaughan.ca

Cc: Permit, Parking <Parking.Permit@vaughan.ca>; bylaw.licensing <ByLaw.Licensing@vaughan.ca>

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Hi Nicole Sterritt, Mayor of Vaughan office,

Nicole Sterritt, thanks for sending this and for your kindness in the screening process.

I just saw a message from the mayor of Vaughan on Instagram and also noticed the below message on the city of Vaughan website that the ESA is suspended.

<https://www.vaughan.ca/residential/roads-and-traffic/automated-speed-enforcement>

Mayor of Vaughan office, can you please let me know how we can get this fine cancelled? I know it was issued before June 4th (and I did check the Q&A) however I don't see how it is justifiable, having to pay a fine for something that the city has already suspended just because it was sent before this date.

As mentioned in the screening meeting, we are law abiding drivers, we never got a ticket before. Perhaps giving a warning for driving 51km/h in a 40 km/h area based on a program that is already suspended would be a more appropriate measure.

I'd appreciate your response on this matter.

Thanks in advance and best regards,

On Mon, 9 Jun 2025 at 15:06, Nicole Sterritt <Nicole.Sterritt@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Good day,

Please see information about the screening decision attached.

For more information about penalty appeals payments, please visit

www.vaughan.ca/penaltyappeals, or, to request a Hearing, please visit the [Adjudicative Services](#) webpage.

Sincerely,

Nicole Sterritt

Screening Officer

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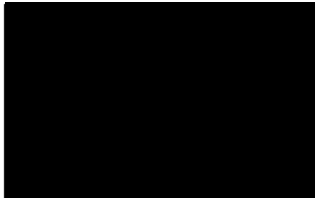
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](mailto:Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca)
Subject: Re: [External] Municipal Speed Cameras
Date: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:36:28 AM

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Hi Steven,

Thank you for your call last night.

An interesting quirk my daughter and I noticed while driving along New Westminister yesterday is this:

- The speed limit will say 40km.
- About 50-100m before the intersections at both Clark and Centre a new sign will say 40km ends.
- Immediately after the intersection the speed limits returns to 40km.

I've lived in this neighbourhood for 15 years and never truly realized that it was 40 the whole way through. Perhaps the confusing bumps in speed that encourage me to accelerate through intersections are why.

I'm not actually sure what the true speed limit should be when that changes. My assumption would be 50, but perhaps that is misplaced.

Either way it creates inconsistency, and confusion.

Thanks,

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 6:43 PM Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your message and for sharing your concerns about Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

I'd be happy to give you a call to discuss further if you'd like. If so, please send me your # and please also let me know if there's a particular time of day that would work for a call.

Regards,

Steven

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:08:33 PM

To: Gila Martow <Gila.Martow@vaughan.ca>; Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: [External] Municipal Speed Cameras

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Hi Steven and Gila,

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my strong opposition to the continued use of automated speed enforcement cameras in our community.

While I understand the stated intent behind these devices—to improve road safety—I believe they are an ineffective and deeply flawed solution. In many cases, speed cameras have proven to be more about generating revenue than genuinely protecting public safety. Their presence often results in unjust penalties for safe drivers due to minor infractions, inconsistent speed limits, or poor signage. Rather than promoting safer roads, they undermine trust in law enforcement and erode public confidence in traffic governance.

More importantly, these cameras lack the human judgment that real officers bring to traffic enforcement. They cannot assess context, account for emergencies, or distinguish between reckless and safe driving behaviour. The result is a system that feels arbitrary and punitive.

I urge you to reconsider your stance on this issue. The continued support and expansion of automated speed enforcement will directly influence how I vote in the next election. As your constituent, I expect solutions that are fair, effective, and respectful of individual rights—not systems that punish without discretion.

I sincerely hope you take this issue seriously and align your policies with the concerns of the people you represent. I can assure you that my vote—and likely the votes of many others in our community—will depend on it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Re: [External] My thoughts on speed cameras
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 7:19:12 PM

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Hi Steven,

Thanks for getting back to me. I almost missed your note because it went to my spam folder.

With the caveat that I don't have much more to say than was in my note, I'd be happy to discuss this further with you if you think it would be helpful. I can be reached at [REDACTED] and am generally available any time on weekdays with a slight preference for times between 09:30 and 3:30 pm. I won't be available tomorrow.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

On Sat, May 24, 2025 at 1:20 PM Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Thanks for your message [REDACTED] I'd be happy to give you a call to discuss further. If that's okay with you, please send me your number and please also let me know when would be a good time to connect.

Regards,

Steven

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:56:41 AM
To: Council@vaughan.ca <Council@vaughan.ca>; mayor@vaughan.ca <mayor@vaughan.ca>
Cc: Gila Martow <Gila.Martow@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] My thoughts on speed cameras

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Dear Vaughan and York Region Council Members,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the recently installed speed enforcement cameras. A similar note was sent earlier to my councillor Gila Martow but has been slightly amended based on my viewing of the April 23 council meeting discussion of her amendment


proposal.

Despite getting some rather expensive tickets lately, I think that speed cameras are a good idea, but that they're not being used appropriately.

1. Our current vehicle violation fines are set with the assumption that people rarely get caught, so the penalty needs to be high enough to deter people from speeding even though the risk of being caught is low. That principle is no longer valid with speed cameras that catch 100% of violators. So, I believe that the fines could be much lower (\$1-\$2 per km) and still deter people from speeding. To make matters even worse, the fines are doubled in community safety zones where these cameras are placed even though the violation may be occurring way outside of school hours. It's not surprising that most people I talk to about this call it a "cash grab".
2. Most people normally drive at 5-10 km/hr above the speed limit because it would be rare for a police officer to stop someone going at that speed or less. I don't know the exact number but speed cameras enforce a speed closer to the actual limit because of the 100% chance of getting caught. That's okay but it should be recognized that adding speed cameras is essentially reducing the speed limit by 5-10 km/hr. The current discussion on further reducing the limit to 30 km/hr is just getting ridiculous. I have submitted my survey saying as much.
3. The York Region speed camera on Yonge St. near Arnold is even more annoying than the others (and that's not where I got my tickets). Major streets should be 60 km/hr, possibly reduced to 50 km/hr in a few limited places like that one. A speed-camera-enforced 40 km/hr limit is 15-20 km/hr too slow for a major street like Yonge.
4. I received two rather expensive tickets on the same day for offenses that were two days apart so I got hit in exactly the same way that Ms. Martow's amendment was trying to address. I don't support the amendment as written because I think a 30-day immunity is too long but I do think that people need to be notified of these tickets as quickly as possible (using email as suggested by Ms. Martow) and that if people get multiple tickets before they know they have any, they should have to pay only the most expensive one.

By the way, I'm curious about what percentage of people get their fines cancelled or reduced by appealing. I tried appealing my more expensive ticket, giving several arguments to get the fine reduced, and they were all rejected by the screening officer with one brief sentence. With the old manual system, it was common for police officers to reduce the stated speed on the ticket and I've heard that it was not uncommon for a judge to reduce the penalty for those who chose to attend court but it seems that's not the case here.

Thanks for listening,


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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Request for Refund of Paid Speeding Tickets Due to ASE Program Suspension
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 2:56:33 PM

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your feedback regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented.

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- Providing a **warning notice** each time ASE cameras are relocated to new areas across the city;

Please be aware that the pause relates to the City of Vaughan's ASE program and not that of York Region. If your infractions took place on Major Mackenzie that would be a regional ticket.

If you received a penalty order (or ticket) for speeding infractions that occurred prior to June 4 at 5 p.m., you have two options:

- **Pay the fine according to the instructions outlined on the ticket.**
- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Regards,
Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:14 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Request for Refund of Paid Speeding Tickets Due to ASE Program Suspension

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Dear Honorable Mayor Steven Del Duca,

I am writing to formally request a refund for the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) speeding tickets I have recently paid. I understand that the City of Vaughan has temporarily suspended the ASE Program, and given this change, I believe it is fair to reconsider penalties issued under the program during its operation.

In early May of this year, I was surprised to receive a speeding ticket for a road that I have travelled numerous times over the last 20 years "Major Mackenzie Drive". The ticket was dated April 9th, I was caught off guard as I was unaware of a speed reduction along with the installation of a speed camera. That same evening I took a drive to where the infraction had occurred, only to find that I had not seen any signage alerting drivers to the change. I was extremely upset, as I felt that the signage was not appropriately placed or visible.

Subsequent to receiving the first ticket, I received two additional tickets before I was made aware of the speed reduction. However, as I am an upstanding citizen, I did not consider appealing the tickets and went ahead and paid all three.

In light of the temporary suspension of the ASE Program put forward to city council as many residents agree with my concerns regarding unclear signage, I respectfully request a review of my case and a refund / partial refund of the amount paid. I would appreciate any guidance on the process for submitting a formal appeal or refund request.

I received and paid the following ASE speeding tickets: Ontario Licence Plate CWCD507

- Penalty Order Number - [REDACTED], Issued April 9, 2025, Amount Paid \$208.25
- Penalty Order Number - [REDACTED] Issued April 30, 2025, Amount Paid \$113.25
- Penalty Order Number - [REDACTED] Issued May 2, 2025, Amount Paid \$208.25

Total amount paid \$529.75 on May 31, 2025

Once again, given the temporary suspension of the program, I kindly request a review of my case and a refund / partial refund of the amount paid. I would appreciate any guidance on the process for submitting a formal appeal or refund request.

Please let me know if any additional documentation is required to support my request. I look forward to your response and appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] speed camera concern from Woodbridge
Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 12:52:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for including the Mayor in your correspondence. We appreciate your feedback. Evidence and research show that when deployed responsibly, ASE programs are a valuable tool for protecting vulnerable road users and keeping roads safe. As you are aware, last week the Mayor instructed staff to provide Council with an update on the program, to be completed by the end of June. Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 12:42 PM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca; Rosanna DeFrancesca ; Adriano Volpentesta

Subject: [External] speed camera concern from Woodbridge

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Greetings to the honorable mayor Del Duca,

Greetings to my ward councillor Rosanna and ward 2 councillor Adriano -

I hope you are well.

I am sending this email based on recent social media posts from the mayor and councillor Adriano expressing concerns about the severity of the fines for the traffic speed camera penalties and trying to find the right balance between severity of the fines and maintaining community safety.

I truly appreciate that the mayor and councillor have acted on the concerns from the residents in Vaughan, you are hearing our voices and acting! Thank you!

I have lived proudly with my family on [REDACTED] since 2010 (almost 15 years!).

We have 3 children ranging in ages from 3 to 13.

During that time I have not had a single criminal offence, never been in a car accident (not

even a fender bender) nor have I even gotten a traffic ticket.

Being a father I take to heart traffic and community safety.

However, I received a penalty order from the automated speed enforcement camera for an apparent speeding infraction at 6:36pm in front of Father Bressani on Anysley Grove.

The total charge was \$268.25.

\$268.25 represents a full days take-home pay for me and we are a single income family.

I appealed online the speeding infraction on the basis of below to provide me a warning or reduced fine.

- The speeding cameras have just recently been implemented
 - Alleged infraction was not during school hours
- I have a perfect traffic safety and criminal record in Vaughan for 15 years
- The high dollar amount of the infraction is excessive.

The appeals officer rejected my appeal proposal only extending the due date to make the payment.

What is concerning is the appeals officer reply seemed harsh, unflexible and did not seem interested in providing financial leniency.

This is not the way the "scales of justice" have typically worked in Ontario/Canada, especially for residents with clean records.

Law enforcement and the judiciary, based on the record of the resident being ticketed, will offer a reduced penalty or warning.

This seems not to be the policy in Vaughan.

Alot of the concerns / outrage from Vaughan residents is from the excessive fine amounts, not the actual initiative to increase community traffic safety.

In the short term, I believe a mandate should be given to the appeals officers in Vaughan immediately to provide financial leniency either by providing a warning or reducing the penalty amount. I am sure with this policy the concerns / complaints of Vaughan residents would be less and people more supportive of this safety initiative.

Please advise.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed camera tickets.
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:01:54 AM

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting my office about the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement program. I would like to provide you with background on the program and the steps we are currently taking to review its operations while continuing to prioritize road safety, especially when it comes to our most vulnerable road users – including children and seniors.

Since the City's automated speed enforcement cameras went live in April, feedback on its implementation continues to be received and reviewed, with a [program update](#) brought to the June 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole (1) meeting. At that meeting, Vaughan Council ratified a motion by Mayor Steven Del Duca to pause the issuance of fines associated with this program while it is reviewed throughout the summer to enhance its implementation.

Throughout the summer, warning notices will be issued to the registered owners of vehicles travelling above the posted speed limit to educate them and change driver behaviour through awareness. Issuance of new fines associated with the program was paused as of June 4 at 5 p.m. Staff will report back to Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting in September with consideration given to improved signage, the implementation of pavement markings, and options related to warning notices, among others. **Issuance of further fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan.**

If you received a penalty order (or ticket) for speeding infractions that occurred prior to June 4 at 5 p.m., you have two options:

- **Pay the fine according to the instructions outlined on the ticket.**
- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

Road safety is a top priority in Vaughan. Automated speed enforcement is just one of the many ways the City is working to reduce speeding through the [MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy](#), and is designed to work in tandem with other road safety methods and strategies, including road designs, educational initiatives and traditional police enforcement.

To learn more about the program and for answers to frequently asked questions, visit vaughan.ca/ASE.

Thank you again for contacting my office.

Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 11:49 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Speed camera tickets.

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Dear Mr. Mayor.

Thank you for voting to re assess the speed camera enforcement in Vaughan.

Has there been any discussion for how-to handle the tickets that have already been issued and perhaps already paid.

The penalties incurred, (if unjust) due to improper implementation, should also be waived and or refunded.

I would hope that, this issue is addressed in the next council meeting, and I eagerly await

your reply.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed cameras
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:18:10 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented.

That's why, on June 4th, I brought forward a motion at Committee to temporarily pause the ASE program until September 2025 and to suspend any further penalty notices as of June 5th. I have also asked that staff work on issuing warning notices as part of an educational campaign, so that residents are made aware of enforcement zones over the summer, reinforcing the goal of behaviour change through awareness.

During this pause, City staff will work to report back with recommendations to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and effectiveness. Rest assured; fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan.

Staff were asked to consider the following recommendations (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list):

- Installing larger, more visible, and clearer signage in Community Safety Zones where ASE cameras are deployed;
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Please note that the pause does not reflect the York Region ASE program where your ticket was received.

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Regards,

Steven

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 9:06 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Speed cameras

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Good morning Mayor

We have met on many occasions at the BAYT and other Jewish community events and I really appreciate all that you do for all citizens of Vaughan

I just watched your instagram video advising of the temporary suspension of the program

Unfortunately I received one ticket in April on the busy Friday morning before the commencement of Passover allegedly going 51 south on yonge south of Arnold and promptly paid same

Kindly advise how I go about applying for a refund

Thanks for your understanding and assistance

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] SPEED CAMERAS IN VAUGHAN - TURNED OFF?
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:17:31 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

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Regards,
Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 11:04 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] SPEED CAMERAS IN VAUGHAN - TURNED OFF?

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There is some information being circulated on various social media sites stating that Mayor Del Duca has suspended (turned off) all speed cameras in Vaughan until September 2025. I have not been able to find confirmation of this announcement, and if

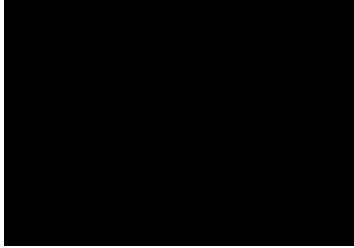
it's true, when it goes into effect.

My concern is that people may be misinformed and could potentially be exposing themselves to fines.

Can you or your office please provide clarification on this issue?

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,



From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed enforcement camera on Peter Rupert Ave.
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 9:47:16 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting my office about the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement program. I would like to provide you with background on the program and the steps we are currently taking to review its operations while continuing to prioritize road safety, especially when it comes to our most vulnerable road users – including children and seniors.

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Thank you again for contacting my office.

Steven

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 12:22 PM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca; adrian.volpentesta@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca

Cc: Chris Ainsworth

Subject: [External] Speed enforcement camera on Peter Rupert Ave.

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Hi Steven,

I write to you to express my concerns regarding the speed cameras operated by the City of Vaughan on Peter Rupert Ave.

First off I completely support the effort to keep school and community zones safe.

However I believe that the speed camera on Peter Rupert is not in the correct section of Peter Rupert to curb speed in the school zone, please allow me to explain.

The camera is located approximately 1/3 of a kilometer south of St. Cecilia Elementary School. Therefore any vehicle travelling southbound on Peter Rupert from Major Mackenzie to St. Cecilia will not encounter any speed camera and also would also be driving past

Romeo Dallaire Public School. The speed camera is located 300 metres south of St. Cecilia and 1 KM south of Romeo Dallaire. Please explain how this makes sense in the name of having a Safe School zone for both schools. Why was the speed camera not placed on Peter Rupert between the 2 mentioned schools? Why do some areas have speed enforcement from September to June and between the 7am and 5pm and other areas 24 hours a day all year round thus leading to mass confusion with the rules on City of Vaughan roads?

The speed camera is placed at the bottom of the hill on Peter Rupert, it's a perfect speed trap. This makes it feel less about safety and more like a cash grab. I am not about opposing safety, it's about using common sense with placement.

In speaking with neighbours there is a very clear sense of frustration with the whole speed camera setup and also the appeals process. Since these infractions are a violation of the Highway Traffic Act why are the appeals not heard by an impartial Justice of the Peace as opposed to a City of Vaughan employed Screening Officer or Hearing Officer? The appeals process does pass the smell test to put it bluntly and it all appears to be a money grab.

If changing the speed behaviour of the motorist was the main objective behind the speed cameras, there are several other options that should have been considered such as speed cushions/ speed bumps and traffic furniture to reduce speed. Also the speed bumps and speed cushions would be much more cost effective to the Taxpayers than the speed cameras and all the staff that is required to install, operate and office staff to deal with the appeals process.

I am in receipt of seven fines within a 3 week period totaling over \$1000.00, and only 2 tickets were during school hours.

The hard working people of this community are clearly frustrated and need the City of Vaughan to act in the best interest of safety but also balance the economic burden this is causing everyone in the community during these difficult economic times.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you and the copied Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras
Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 3:02:45 PM

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for including the Mayor in your correspondence. We appreciate your feedback.

Evidence and research show that when deployed responsibly, ASE programs are a valuable tool for protecting vulnerable road users and keeping roads safe. Last week Mayor Del Duca requested staff provide Council with an update on the program, to be completed by the end of June.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2025 11:09 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; Linda Jackson <Linda.Jackson@vaughan.ca>; Mario Ferri <Mario.Ferri@vaughan.ca>; Gino Rosati <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>; Mario G. Racco <MarioG.Racco@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras

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Dear city of Vaughan Mayor and Regional City Council members

I am writing to express my thoughts on the recently installed speed enforcement cameras.

Generally speaking, I think that speed cameras are a good idea, but the number of them and fine amount need to be reconsidered.

Speed bumps are very effective in controlling the speed and we have enough of them. The speed enforcement cameras in more sensitive areas are good backups. But so many and 100% of violators are captured. No wonder people call them cash grabs.

Our current vehicle violation fines are set with the assumption that people rarely get caught, so the penalty needs to be high enough to deter people from speeding even though the risk of being caught is low. But, that's is not the case since the speed cameras catch 100% of the violators. So, I believe that the fines should be much lower (\$1-\$2 per km) and still deter people from speeding. To make matters even worse, the fines are doubled in community safety zones where these cameras are placed even though the violation may be occurring way outside of school hours. The current discussion on further reducing the limit to 30 km/hr is just getting ridiculous.

By the way, I'm curious about what percentage of people get their fines cancelled or reduced by appealing. I tried

appealing my more expensive ticket, giving several arguments to get the fine reduced, and they were all rejected by the screening officer with one brief sentence. With the old manual system, it was common for police officers to reduce the stated speed on the ticket and I've heard that it was not uncommon for a judge to reduce the penalty for those who chose to attend court but it seems that's not the case here.

Please reconsider this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 12:27:45 PM
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in my reply, I understand you've since connected with Councillor Ainsworth. Thank you for reaching out and sharing your feedback regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

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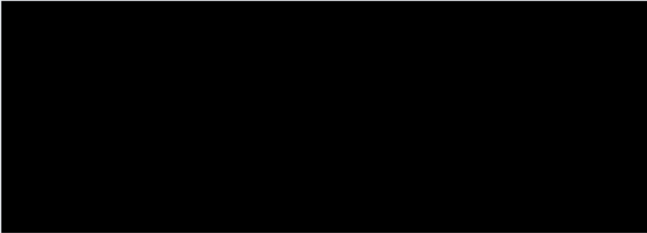
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 12:27 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: Anna Commisso ; Chris Ainsworth [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras

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Hello Steven -

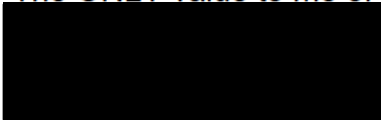
I'll cut to the chase:

1. Get rid of the the Speed Enforcement Cameras and figure out innovative ways to reduce speed such as speed bumps or in road pylons
EG) [Traffic Calming Measures | City of Vaughan](#)



Traffic Calming Measures | City of Vaughan

2. Make public the data IE What is your success metric (injuries / accidents) and how have your actions improved it? What are your profits and what are you doing with them?
From my perspective speed cameras are a cash grab where the city is prioritizing profits and hiding behind safety.
If you want more money, just be straight about it and raise property taxes.
Dinging people for typical driving habits is not right.
The **ONLY** value to me of speed cameras is for excessive speeding and street racing.



----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Sierra Miceli
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Anna Commisso ; Chris Ainsworth
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 02:00:39 p.m. EDT
Subject: RE: [External] phone meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for confirming — Councillor Ainsworth will give you a call on **Tuesday, June 3 at 12:00 p.m.** at the number you provided.

Best regards,

Sierra Miceli

Council Administrative Assistant to Councillor Chris Ainsworth

905-832-8585, ext. 8881

Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Sierra Miceli
Cc: Anna Commisso ; Chris Ainsworth
Subject: Re: [External] phone meeting

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Tuesday June 3 at 12pm works for me - thanks

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 12:25 PM, Sierra Miceli <Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting back to us.

Would you be available for a 30-minute phone call on **Tuesday, June 3** at either **12:00 p.m.** or **2:30 p.m.**? Please let us know which time works best for you.

Also, kindly confirm the best number for Councillor Ainsworth to reach you at.

Looking forward to your reply.

Best regards,

Sierra Miceli

Council Administrative Assistant to Councillor Chris Ainsworth

905-832-8585, ext. 8881

Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 4:57 PM
To: Sierra Miceli <Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca>
Cc: Anna Commisso <Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca>; Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Re: [External] phone meeting

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Hello Sierra - just returned from a work trip this week and catching up on emails.

How's your schedule next week?

Thx

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 1:04 PM, Sierra Miceli <Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you're doing well.

Councillor Ainsworth would like to connect with you for a brief phone call to further discuss your concerns. Would you be available for a 30-minute phone call tomorrow, Thursday, May 22, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.?

If so, please let us know your preferred time within that window and the best number to reach you at. Councillor Ainsworth will give you a call directly.

Looking forward to your reply.

Best regards,

Sierra Miceli

Council Administrative Assistant to Councillor Chris Ainsworth

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Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:10 AM

To: Sierra Miceli <Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca>

Cc: Anna Commisso <Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca>; Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>

Subject: Re: [External] phone meeting

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Thanks Sierra - look forward to chatting.

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 4:54 PM, Sierra Miceli <Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding the recent speed enforcement measures. I understand your frustration and appreciate you reaching out.

Please be assured that we have received your email and are currently reviewing the details. We will reach out to you shortly to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Sierra Miceli

**Council Administrative Assistant to Councillor
Chris Ainsworth**

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**City of Vaughan | Ward 4 Councillor Chris
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 2:28 PM
To: Marilyn lafrate <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>;
Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED] Anna
Commisso <Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca>; Gina
Ciampa <Gina.Ciampa@vaughan.ca>; Marisa
Provenzano <Marisa.Provenzano@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Re: [External] phone meeting

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Thanks Marilyn for the reply and connecting me to the right counsellor.

Hey Chris - Replying to Marilyn's comments - when people drive the same streets for 15 years the exact same way and there are hundreds of signs plastered all over the roads - it's easy to miss these notices. Further, \$183 for 20 over first offence? If your intention is changing habits and safety how about a warning?

It takes time for driving habits to change - even with my foot off the gas my van will go faster than 40 when going downhill. I don't thinking rinsing parents of hundreds of dollars to fill city coffers is the right approach.

Chris, when can we chat?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, 11:46 AM, Marilyn lafrate <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Thank you [REDACTED] for your email.

Given your address, you are not a resident of my Ward.

Your councillor is Chris Ainsworth, Ward 4, whom I have copied in my response.

Just as a general comment, signs warning of the upcoming speed cameras were installed 90 days prior to installation and activation of those cameras and then the signs were changed to clearly indicate that the area had speed cameras in operation.

All communities where cameras were installed have had 3 months notice.

Please direct any further comments to your local councillor.

With thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:36 AM
To: Marilyn lafrate <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] phone meeting

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Hello - I live in Vaughan at [REDACTED]. I've lived here since 2009.

I am disgusted by the number of tickets I've gotten while taken my children to their activities in my neighborhood. I've driven the same way since I've moved here and am expected to transform my driving habits over night?

This week (week of May 11th) I received a ticket for an infraction on April 26, 2025 going 14km/h over the limit. When I logged in to pay this infraction, I then saw 2 other infractions (May 10 and May 11), for which I did not receive any notices in the mail (or email) for even more money (\$123.25 and \$183.25). This is a total of \$401 dollars within a few weeks of driving my family around the community which I live.

This is obscene amount of money to pay out. I wasn't aware of all the cameras installed. Also, for the \$183 ticket, the cameras are installed on the downhill of Peter Rupert where cars naturally accelerate.

I've been living and driving in this area for 15 years without getting pulled over for speeding and now I'm expected to pay out \$400?

Would like to discuss on how we're governing the community.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Vaughan Speed Cameras - Absolutely Ridiculous
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 9:03:50 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

From the outset, our goal has always been to make our roads safer—particularly in areas where our most vulnerable residents, including children, frequently travel. However, we understand the concerns raised by members of our community about how the program has been implemented.

That's why, on June 4th, I brought forward a motion at Committee to **temporarily pause the ASE program until September 2025** and to **suspend any further penalty notices as of June 5th**. I have also asked that staff work on **issuing warning notices as part of an educational campaign**, so that residents are made aware of enforcement zones over the summer, reinforcing the goal of behaviour change through awareness.

During this pause, City staff will work to report back with recommendations to improve the program's transparency, fairness, and effectiveness. **Rest assured; fines will not be reinstated until Council has approved a new implementation plan.**

Staff were asked to consider the following recommendations (this is not meant to be an exhaustive list):

- Installing **larger, more visible, and clearer signage** in Community Safety Zones where ASE cameras are deployed;
- Adding **pavement markings** to alert drivers they are entering a school or safety zone and to encourage slower speeds;
- Exploring **alternative traffic-calming measures** such as speed cushions and flexi-posts;
- Reviewing options to **limit the number of infractions** a single vehicle owner can receive in a short period; and
- Providing a **warning notice** each time ASE cameras are relocated to new areas across the city;

If you received a penalty order (or ticket) for speeding infractions that occurred prior to June 4 at 5 p.m., you have two options:

- **Pay the fine according to the instructions outlined on the ticket.**
- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Regards,
Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 9:38 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Vaughan Speed Cameras - Absolutely Ridiculous

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Hello,

I am emailing to express my displeasure with the haphazard implementation of speed cameras throughout Vaughan. The speed limits set for them (especially the one at

Brownridge/New Westminster) are not based on any reality of what the speed of traffic flow is. The New Westminster camera specifically is not even in a residential neighbourhood and is forcing folks to drive 40km/h.

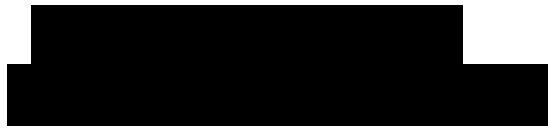
It feels like a massive cash grab under the premise of safety. Between my immediate family and closest friends I know of \$1000+ in tickets that have been issued.

Additional cameras at major intersections like Bathurst and Atkinson will not help with safety and feel as though they are being used to fill city coffers.

There are other serious issues that we as a community are facing, lets not add to the stress with unnecessary financial hardship due to a poorly throughout speed plan.

Thanks,

██████████



RE: SPEED CAMERAS

On April 11th, 2025 I drove my husband to the hospital due to a medical emergency. I travelled safely keeping up with the traffic. I have not had a speeding ticket for the past 30 years. The following week I received two speeding tickets issued by the speed cameras, one travelling to the hospital and the second on our return.

The Ontario speeding fines range from \$3.00/km to \$9.75/km for driving over the speed limit. One ticket issued was in the amount of \$238.25 for travelling 76/km in a 50/km zone. The second ticket was in the amount of \$547.25 for 87/km in a 50/km zone. The fines issued by these cameras are quite excessive. This is another form of taxation.

I requested a review to dispute the charges. I explained the medical situation and the fact that I drove safely. The only changes made to the ticket was that I was given additional time to pay as we are pensioners. I am quite repulsed that no sympathy or concern offered given my clean record and husband's suffering.

My nephew received a ticket as well for travelling 8 km over the speed limit. This confirms Premier Ford's comment stating that these cameras are Revenue Tools. I understand totally speed cameras in school zones.

The Vaughan mayor said he was going to deal with Vaughan, Ontario traffic congestion. If this is his answer to traffic this is not working. Traffic is now worse than ever in Vaughan.

I will be forwarding a copy of this letter to Premier Ford as well.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 52 seconds)
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 3:02:47 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

hi good afternoon this message is for the mayor hello there steven question whose idea was it to put the scooters and these bikes all over the bloody city here you know the sad part about it just dropped off on the sidewalks and right here glen shields i see about peter rappers i see them all over the place they're all they're all scattered even in some of the parks they just leave them in there like why don't you guys whose bright idea was why don't you guys have it how they have it in toronto the bike goes back into iraq and locks up and having these stupid things all over the place there you know what's going to happen these kids kids are kids you get someone they're going to vandalize they're going to start throwing into a live lane you know this is crazy man crazy you know and these scooters go faster and these bikes go faster than these cars you want to reduce the speed limit to 30 oh my gosh these things go faster than 30 so bring that to your committee i think you guys should go you got some homework to do and also the speed cameras you spent all that money and why don't you keep enforcing it people don't have money to pay for it their problem tell them to slow down OK put them everywhere not in the school zones put them everywhere get people to slow down never mind it's going 30 kilometers put it in there if it's 40 kilometers they're going over 40 you got them OK stop spending money and also those stupid things you guys put on the road of peter rappers buses can make a turn on those pillars and all that put all over the place there go back and look at whoever put them in there stupid OK so somebody's going to get run over anyways mayor you got your hands full you have a wonderful day i said get rid of those stupid bikes or make sure they get locked in how they do in city of toronto OK uh they go back the bicycle into a lock and the way they go they're not scattered all over the city the guy's finished driving it he's got to find a place to plug it back in and the scooters i don't think it's a good idea my friend OK have a nice day thank you bye mr mayor

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (3 minutes and 32 seconds)
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 8:39:15 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Association for the duplicate office. I read this evening that you are putting your help to the program for the automated speak out. At first I didn't support it, but at this time I do support the idea. It's unfortunate that people are renting a rating to your officer, other work counselors with respect to this program. There is some merit to the fact that it wasn't properly addressed to the city. There are programs in both the region as well as in the CITY OF Vaughan as well. With these cameras, they are what they are. You travel across Ontario, they're all over the place. I read this e-mail that you're putting it out to the program for the audience because I didn't support it, but at this time I do support the idea. It's unfortunate that people are rating and waiting to your office or other counselors with respect to this program. There is some merit to the fact that it wasn't properly addressed in the city that programs in both the region as well as in the city of as well with these comments, they are what they are. You travel across Ontario, they're all over the place, etcetera. The fact that people getting cameras, et cetera, the fact that people getting cameras I believe is all the size of the majority that these cameras should remain their drivers don't pay attention with the fact that there's a camera, but in a location you can see it online. If you'd like to know the design that says you have any cameras enforcement and it's pretty clear to someone where they are. Now the fact that someone may not pay attention, I can understand that. I don't believe that there should be a threshold set because it's a 40 area ticket. I think that should be definitely some administration side that you could be done a better job. I agree with that. I think that there are things such as traffic lights when they go on pedestrian. I believe it's all the majority that these cameras should remain. Their drivers don't pay attention to the fact that there's a camera, but in a location you can see it online. If you'd like to know there's a sign that says you have any cameras enforcement and it's critical to someone where they are and the fact that someone may have attention that they don't really frequent. I can understand that. I don't believe that there should be a special set of 40 areas before you get a ticket. I think that should be there's definitely some administration side that should be done a better job. I agree with that. I think that there are things such as traffic lights when they go on pedestrian presses a button that they should get a signal for the 5 or 10 seconds before people turn right or left. They should get a signal for the 5 or 10 seconds before people turn right or left so that they're able to get across interception before the floor traffic as they do into the trial. In any case, there are going to be people that don't like these cameras. It's just how they are and I understand that. But at the same time, I think it's important that you realize that people are not calling your office to tell you these things are people that don't have the tickets. There's lots and lots of people now. You know you're just better than I do of how many people driving etcetera. I think it's important when I see in the areas of someone who wants some bikes etcetera, that is unsafe. A lot of times driving cars that don't pay attention, that do things that in any case there are going to be people that don't like these comments, which is how they are and I understand that. At the same time, I think it's important that you realize that the people that are not calling your office to tell you these things are people that don't have the tickets. There's lots and lots of people, you know, you're just a better idea of how many people driving, etcetera. I think it's important when I see in the areas of someone who wants and bikes etcetera, that is unsafe. A lot of times driving cars that don't pay attention, that do things that their signage is up in there and these things should be done better. That's up for debate and they're not paying attention much about in the area. Maybe things should be done better. That's up for debate and they're not paying attention to exactly. So the fact that smaller drivers don't pay attention, I think it's important that you craft a better threshold to speed on it because these things are important that you keep drivers more than that. The people that are on the roads in the vulnerable people, the kids that don't have the experience, the seniors that maybe don't know what's going on safe on these rooms. So that's my call this afternoon or this evening 'cause I think it's important that people that are calling your office telling you why do I get ticket after ticket after ticket. The other side needs to call as well. The people that don't necessarily get the ticket, and I'm not saying I truly say that this is exactly conclusive guidance to the fact

that the small drivers don't pay attention. I think it's important again, that you perhaps do a better threshold to speed on it when it comes to these things. That's important that you keep drivers more than that. The people that are on the roads in the vulnerable people, the kids that don't have the experience, the seniors that maybe don't know what's going on safe on these. So that's my call this afternoon or this evening 'cause I think it's important that people that are calling your office telling you why do I get ticket, ticket after ticket, the other side needs to call as well. The people that don't necessarily get the ticket. And I'm not saying I truly say this is the best way to do things are better ways. I'd like to see police. That's why it should be done. There needs to be more police. Do you think there are better ways? I'd like to see police. That's what I think should be done. There needs to be more police officers in these areas, targeting people. I see running soft signs, being etcetera. At the end of the day, I think this could be done better, but I think it's important that cameras are going to be around which they are because they're managed by the problems, that they're done in a way that's fair to all drivers and pedestrians etcetera. That's my policy. I hope you listen to the people and keep the people protected. These areas targeting people I see running soft signs, being, et cetera. At the end of the day, I think it's gonna be done better, but I think it's important that the cameras are going to be around, which they are because they're many problems, that they're done in a way that's fair to all drivers and pedestrians, etcetera. That's my policy. I hope you listen to the people and keep the people protected specifically because they get tickets. I would probably be in the same way if I got a ticket. I don't think it's necessarily the best program. I think a lot of things to do are not done the right way, but I do think that it's important help people so that people don't die on the roads.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (30 seconds)
Date: Monday, June 9, 2025 10:03:45 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

hi i would like to know if there's an update on the on the cameras in bonn i received an email or from others saying that stephen del duca the mayor pause cameras until september i would like to know if that's real or is it a scam email my name is [REDACTED] and it's [REDACTED] thank you have a great day

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Automated speeding tickets/Camera, fines & inadequate public consultation
Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025 8:57:54 AM

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Dear Mayor Del Ducea,

I am writing as a concerned and impacted resident of Vaughan to respectfully raise concerns about a recent \$200 speeding fine I received from an automated speed enforcement (ASE) camera and the broader process surrounding these tickets.

I recently attended a hearing to dispute the penalty, during which I explained my current financial situation and the hardship that this fine represents. Despite my efforts, I was told that there was no flexibility to reduce or adjust the fine. As someone managing rising living costs, phone and utility bills, personal tax payments, and veterinary expenses for my dog, this penalty is genuinely difficult to absorb. I will surely not be able to afford all my expenses this month due to this unexpected expense.

Beyond the personal financial impact, I feel compelled to express my concern about how these speed cameras were implemented. Many residents, including myself, were not adequately notified of their locations or the rollout of this enforcement method. In some cases, signage is difficult to see or inconsistent, and drivers may not notice sudden changes in speed limits, especially in unfamiliar areas. These kinds of enforcement measures should be paired with public education and clear, visible signage in order to be truly fair and effective.

I fully support road safety initiatives, but I also believe they must be transparent, well-communicated, and proportionate. I am not asking to avoid accountability but I am requesting that the City explore ways to make the system more equitable. This could include clearer communication strategies, hardship-based leniency options, or more discretion at hearings for residents who are genuinely struggling.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to the people of Vaughan.

[REDACTED]



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Dear Mayor Del Duca,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Executive Director of the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC). It has been some time since we last worked together during your tenure as Minister of Transportation and my time with the Ontario Road Builders Association (ORBA). At that time, we had the opportunity to speak about automated speed enforcement (ASE), and I would welcome the chance to reconnect with you to discuss ASE once again.

The OTC played a key role in the development of ASE in Ontario in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation, and we continue to support municipalities through our ASE Working Group, the *OTC ASE Guidelines*, and our website, aseontario.ca. City of Vaughan staff remain active participants in our ASE Working Group, which serves as a platform for municipalities to share information, exchange best practices, and advocate for consistent and sustainable ASE programs across the province.

In the months ahead, the OTC will be working closely with the Ministry of Transportation to review the provincial ASE program and develop recommendations to ensure it remains an effective, transparent, and consistent solution to managing speed and improving road safety.

I understand that the City of Vaughan has data that demonstrates the success of ASE as a road safety tool, and I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how the program can be further strengthened and expanded.

I would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience—virtually or in person.

Sincerely,

Geoff Wilkinson
Executive Director
Ontario Traffic Council

From: [REDACTED]
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; [Gila Martow](#); [Steven Del Duca](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Linda Jackson](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Enforcement by Cameras, please continue the program...Safety first
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025 2:57:15 PM

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Honourable members of Council and the Clerks office,

I am writing today to express my concern about reducing and/ or eliminating speed enforcement cameras.

Safety is my concern. Speed limits are established to protect pedestrians and to prevent serious accidents. It is not my concern that residents are receiving speeding tickets. It should not concern you either. Speeders should slow down. The means to slow them down is to enforce the speed limit. Police cannot be everywhere to set up speed traps. The easiest way to slow them down is with a speeding ticket via a video camera. Increase, don't decrease the number of cameras. Don't make the warning the signs bigger. We have enough signs on our streets. A conscientious driver will see and read the warning sign of a camera perhaps because they are following the speed limit.

Why not explain to people that going 1 km (the length of a side street?) at 30 kph vs 50 kph will only save seconds on a trip home. Tell them to turn down the radio or to play music that doesn't stir up their anxiety...play softer or music to reduce the beat.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

From: [Steven Del Duca](#)
To: [Anna Ventura](#)
Subject: Fw: Voice Mail (35 seconds)
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:24:00 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Can u pls call this resident?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:23:15 AM
To: Steven Del Duca
Subject: Voice Mail (35 seconds)

Good morning, Mayor Dukakis. It's my name is [REDACTED]. Excuse me, I live in Weston Downs. I just received 2 automatic speeding enforcement [REDACTED] to speak to you about them. If you can call me back as soon as possible 'cause they do. One of them do June 20th, which is Friday. I need to speak to you about these. If you can call me [REDACTED] that would be appreciated. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Anna Commisso; Council@vaughan.ca](mailto:Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca)
Cc: [Chris Ainsworth; \[REDACTED\] mayor@vaughan.ca](mailto:Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca)
Subject: Re: [External] ASE program suspension
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 9:50:36 AM
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Am I expecting any response on this?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 03:47:41 p.m. EDT, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello there,

As I explained below I am sharing my frustration on this very unjustified incident(Two ASE speed tickets).

As suggested by Ward 4 office I am sharing this and requesting cancelation of both tickets due to lack of justification.

I personally watched Mayor Del Duca announcement on TV Jun12 where there was no indication of any "Issuance date" whatsoever !!

Our community deserves a better system to safeguard them , this ASE program is not fair and professional.

As a very long term Vaughan tax payer, I am demanding an explanation on the ASE program.

Regards,

Resident of ward#4 City of Vaughan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Friday, June 13, 2025 at 01:15:32 p.m. EDT, Anna Commisso wrote:

Good afternoon, [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, and for taking the time to share your concerns.

We understand your frustration, especially in light of the recent Council decision to suspend the City's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program until September. It's important to note that the motion approved by Council applies only to tickets issued on or after June 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. This was the point at which the administrative direction to halt enforcement took effect.

Based on the information you've provided, it appears that your tickets were issued prior to this date and time. As such, they remain valid and are subject to the standard process—either through appeal (which it seems you've already pursued) or by payment before the respective due dates.

We understand that this is a disappointing outcome, particularly given the recent developments. I do encourage you to share your feedback on the ASE program with the rest of council members (council@vaughan.ca). The more voices we hear, from both perspectives—the better informed their decisions will be.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Warm regards,

Anna

Anna Commisso

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 11:07:08 AM

To: Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>; mayor@vaughan.ca
<mayor@vaughan.ca>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: [External] ASE program suspension

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Hello Mr.Ainsworth,

Over the last few weeks I have received two speed tickets relates to ASE program on Peter Rupert Ave @ Halo Ct:

- Ticket# [REDACTED] for \$108.25 due Sep02
- Ticket# [REDACTED] for \$93.25 due Aug04

I appealed both of them and the result came back obviously not in my favor !

While I was preparing to proceed with the payment, yesterday Jun12 I heard through the news that **Mayor Del Duca** announced the ASE program has been suspended by the City council motion until next September.

I am writing to inform you that I am not comfortable paying these unjustified penalties and seeking your instruction as what would be the best to deal with these.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Resident of Ward#4 Maple
[REDACTED]

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Camera Fines
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:30:41 AM

Good morning [REDACTED]

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Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:35 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Camera Fines

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

I was recently fined, on 3 different days within the span of about 10 days in April, for exceeding the speed limit of 40km/h on New Westminster Drive. For each fine, the excess speed was 51km/h, 52km/hr and 53 km/h. When I called your staff to “complain” that I was surprised by these fines since there was no awareness program, no signage, and no other warning of this new program. I received all 3 fines by mail after they occurred. I was told that while I can request a review it would not change anything since there is irrefutable proof that I exceeded the speed limit. As such, I paid \$336 through my Mastercard.

I commend your decision to pause the program in order to receive feedback and recommendations to make the program fairer. In this regard, I am in favour of this program as safety is a primordial priority and this program can change driving behaviors. Indeed, I think the program should be expanded and enhanced.

However, I respectfully request that the City of Vaughan provide a refund of the last 2 fines that I paid on the basis that the program was not rolled out properly and it resulted in an unfair outcome in my situation.

Regards,

[Redacted signature]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Penalty Order
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:34:56 AM

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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Thank you,
Steven

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:59 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Penalty Order

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Dear Mayor Steven Del Duca,

Hope this email finds you well.

My name is [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Woodbridge.

I would like to address a favour, if you can kindly wave the ASE tickets we [REDACTED] have incurred this past month.

We recognize our error for not noticing the new automated speed enforcer. Hoping a mutual agreement can be pardoned at this time. We will be more mindful and we look forward to your new implementation for September 2025.

I can be reached by cellular at [REDACTED] or by email

[REDACTED]

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

I will attach the a copy of the traffic tickets for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Council Liaison - Bylaw](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Automatic Speed Enforcement Ticket
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:55:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

On behalf of Mayor Del Duca, thank you for reaching out regarding your ASE ticket. Please be advised that Automated Speed Enforcement related matters are handled by our By-Law and Compliance Department. They have been added by copy of my reply and will investigate this matter further and provide a response regarding your appointment.

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All revenues generated from this program will be invested back into protecting our most vulnerable road users, including children and seniors

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Kind regards,

Anna Venturo

Executive Assistant to Mayor Del Duca

Tel: 905-832-8585, Ext. 8834 | anna.venturo@vaughan.ca

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:18 AM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Automatic Speed Enforcement Ticket

Importance: High

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Hi Mayor Steven Del Duca,

Hope this email finds you well. I am a resident of Vaughan (since 2003) and received a penalty for subject program for an event that occurred April 24th in Vaughan (one day after the ASE became live). I made an appointment with the screening officer on May 19th scheduled my day around it for them to be a no-show as it was a holiday. I received an apologetic call on Tues May 20th advising me that the booking system didn't block off the day and I'd have to make another appointment and take more time off work etc. In addition and in parallel someone emailed me from By-law and Licensing Clerk, Diego Zuccarelli (different person then the caller) saying "we attempted to get in contact to move the appointment but unfortunately, we couldn't" ...which is an absolute lie, the City never noticed the mistake until Tues May 20th. I rescheduled my appointment for June 5th and the officer was not willing to reduce the fine even after I was made to reschedule the appointment for their mistake and the added bonus of a City official trying to cover up their mistake with a lie. If this were a police officer that issued a ticket and they didn't show up for a scheduled hearing, the fine would either be reduced or removed entirely. Now , I understand there was a motion passed a couple of weeks ago to pause this program until Sept. I've filed an appeal but in the meantime, should this fine be reduced or stayed? . Is continuing to collect on a penalty for a program that's paused legal? What is the money collected from this program used for or towards? With all due respect, I pay a lot of money in taxes, and this feels like a city cash grab/revenue stream. Your assistance is appreciated. I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Thank you

[REDACTED]
Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Concern from the latest decision on speeding camera initiative
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 2:59:14 PM

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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Hi Mayor Del Duca,

I am writing to express my disappointment regarding the recent decision to pause the speed camera initiative. According to news reports, this decision was made in response to complaints from individuals who received multiple speeding tickets within the first three weeks. Frankly, I find this reasoning absurd.

Having lived in Vaughan for 20 years, I have witnessed a noticeable decline in traffic law enforcement over the past decade, leading to increasingly reckless speeding – often exceeding limits by 15 km/h or more. While laws and regulations exist, they are ineffective without proper enforcement.

Now that a promising initiative has been introduced, it is disheartening to see it put on hold due to complaints from those who disregard the law. I urge you to reconsider this decision and prioritize the safety and well-being of all residents.

In addition, the current road safety measures are highly ineffective. Installing posts in the middle of streets and on turning curves to remind drivers of speed limits not only fails to curb reckless driving but actively makes roads more hazardous by creating unnecessary obstacles. These structures obstruct visibility, hinder maneuverability, and ultimately prevent streets from being properly cleared, further compromising safety rather than enhancing it.

In the last few years, I have filed complaints regarding unsafe winter road conditions. Every winter, people push snow onto the street because they have no space to store it. This issue arises because homeowners expand their driveways to accommodate more parking, leaving **no** green space for snow accumulation. Doesn't the bylaw specify a required percentage of green space for each lot? Additionally, I have noticed an increase in artificial grass installations in front lawns. What does the bylaw say about this?

In conclusion, I am deeply disappointed by many of the city's decisions regarding general safety programs. This time, I choose to speak up loudly because it is unacceptable for the city to be intimidated by those who break the law instead of standing firm on the right course of action.

Thank you

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Dear Ladies and Gentlemen
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:08:31 AM

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Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:52 PM
To: Council@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

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I am sure I am not the first to contact you about your speed cameras.

I am also aware that the program has been put on hold until September.

Unfortunately, I was the beneficiary of 2 speeding tickets within a few days of each other.

I hadn't even received the first notice of the first.

As I am a senior, I'm used to a police person stopping me and giving me a ticket.

Having said that, I haven't had a speeding ticket in decades.

That one experience meeting the police person and receiving a ticket would have been sufficient for most people to be more aware and not do it again.

What Vaughan has done on Westminster is both unfair, and a cash grab.

I am surprised and very disappointed.

Further to the speed limit. I think lowering it to 30KM is far too low.

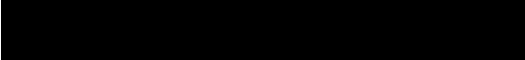
I also believe, to be fair with people/drivers, tickets should NOT be issued for less than 55 or 60KM.

It might be an idea to act in good faith and send a warning ticket only, no fine, to people going 41 to 54 KM for at least 3 months.

Again. This was extremely unfair. I hope you or the appropriate individuals can do something about rescinding the second ticket for everyone.



Ward 5



From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Disappointed in council decision re traffic cams
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 12:39:45 PM

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:07 AM
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Good morning

Had the pleasure of reading this article this morning....

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11238468/ontario-city-pauses-speed-cameras-after-32k->

[tickets-handed-out-in-3-weeks/](#)

I do not understand. Lots of people are speeding which means our communities are very unsafe and the response is to....PAUSE the program?

Shouldn't the response be to increase penalties or even suspend these drivers licenses?!?!

Will it take a young child being hit and killed for someone to re think this strategy?

We need to remember that driving is a privilege not a right and people need to be responsible on the roads otherwise face proper and timely consequences.



From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: UFN : [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:20:39 AM

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⚠️ Penalty orders/tickets issued before June 4 at 5 p.m. remain valid.

Thank you,
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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:12 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Fwd: UFN : [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Jun 12, 2025 at 10:48 AM

Subject: UFN : [REDACTED]

To: <bylaw@vaughan.ca>

Sir/Madam,

I have received your above Penalty Order for Automated Speed Enforcement. I immediately paid the Total Penalty Amount of \$120.25 online, because I am very fearful of authorities and I am not very knowledgeable of the law.

I have now been advised that there are some issues of fairness. On the Penalty Order, the city has just shown a picture of my car on a street. They have not proven the speed I was travelling at, the time and date and the street. I should not have pleaded guilty and should not have paid the fine.

I now would like to take back my guilty plea and request the city to refund the \$120.25 I have paid. I would then appeal the Penalty Order.

Please treat this as my formal Appeal of the above UFN Penalty Order.

Your attention in this matter is appreciated!

Yours Truly,

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Information Requested Please
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12:12:52 PM

Good morning [REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:55 AM
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Mayor Del Duca,

First let me start off by saying I'm so pleased with everything that you've done thus far for our community and appreciate you as our mayor.

This email comes to you with the understanding that I know you can't win either way as it will make some of our community members happy, while others, such as myself question the decision. With that being said, I'm just curious as to what prompted the decision to suspend the speed camera initiative.

I suspect the community was angered by all of the cameras that were slated to go in, however considering 32,000 tickets were issued in a 3 week period, that was a great cash grab for our community. Monies from those tickets could certainly help in other ways. What's more disturbing to me is that it's evident that we have an issue with speeding in our community and road safety is clearly lacking with our members.

Any insight you can provide as to why that decision was made would be appreciated.

Regards

[Redacted Signature]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] photo radar backtrack
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 12:35:21 PM

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Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 6:19 PM
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Subject: [External] photo radar backtrack

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I just read that you have paused photo radar until September?

I live off of New Westminster Dr. & have complained often about the speeding on that street. It's an accident waiting to happen.

Photo radar is supposed to make drivers pay attention & drive within the posted limits?

Because you received *so many complaints*, you acquiesced, a few days before school lets out when many more kids will be out & about?!

If the complainants drove within the speed limit there would be that many tickets & New

Westminster would be a much safer street.
This is an illogical decision!

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Speed Cam notice (Penalty order [REDACTED])
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 11:04:47 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
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Good Morning Francesca,

Thank you so much for not only acknowledging my message but responding. I appreciate this information, and I am aware of the need for this but when it was implemented, I do not feel it was done fairly. Would you be able to let me know if the Mayor will see this message? I am sorry this fine is excessive for me. I tried to get it thrown out or reduced, and it was not even looked at fairly. The screening officer was aware of the halt and could of considered this. The City has received an excessive amount from the charges that were already issued. I am hoping I can get a grace. I have a short window till additional charges will be applied to this ticket . Thank you in advance.

[REDACTED]

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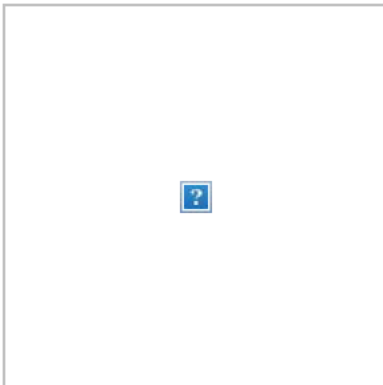
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 10:34 AM

To: Steven Del Duca

Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Re: Speed Cam notice (Penalty order [REDACTED])

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Good Morning, Mayor Del Duca,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a current resident of Richmond Hill and was raised in the Vaughan area for over 25 years. I am very disappointed in the new speed cameras that have been set up and displayed for drivers to continuously get tickets. I do understand the need for them and agree we should be respecting speed limits, but were we warned about this implementation? I would say 'NO". I was issued a ticket on April 11th as I was travelling on Yonge Street southbound of Arnold. This is not an area I frequent. I apologize for going down that strip too fast, but during that drive, at no point did I notice a pre-warning of the cameras that were placed. The ticket was for an excessive amount of \$123.25. I am a single mother, and this is a lot for me. I did appeal this for a reduction at least especially since my car got stolen the next day and financial strain was on a high. On the day of my appeal on June 12th I ended up getting a lecture from the appeal officer on how to drive and no empathy was shown for my financial distress. I was offered till August to pay up, only to find out that the City realized the mistake of not preparing the community for this and putting a halt on June 4th. I am kindly requesting that this ticket be thrown out. I am very aware of this now and travel in the areas where it is posted, following the required speed limit. I remember that day I received it I was late for work, which is no excuse but was not done with malice. I am hoping you can assist with this matter, as I am sure you are aware of how unhappy people have been. Thank you in advance for hopefully hearing me out.

Have a great day.

[REDACTED]

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed camera forgiveness - not good
Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025 12:20:25 PM
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:23 PM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca

Cc: Gino Rosati ; Linda Jackson ; Gila Martow

Subject: [External] Speed camera forgiveness - not good

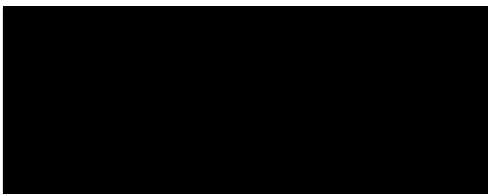
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I just want to say I am disappointed by Vaughan's decision to capitulate to speeders and remove fines from speed cameras and only issue warnings for a few months. I suppose there could be a temporary amnesty for "mild" speeding, say less than 15 or 20 kph over the limit, but a blanket amnesty cannot be justified. People doing more than 30 over the limit aren't innocents who have briefly lost attention to their speed, and they should get a ticket, today, tomorrow, next month, always.

BTW, if I were running this program, the default would always be to only issue warnings for infractions reported by a camera if they are less than 15 kph over the limit. We can imagine those as due to momentary inattention. Fines for anything more, and maybe for multiple infractions in some period (say two months).

As for the whine that speed cameras are a "money grab", I would be fine with that if it were true. The city needs to raise money somewhere, and getting it from speeders doesn't sound unreasonable. If a \$100 fine means a city pool can remain open for an additional 5 minutes, or some senior gets \$100 off their property tax, so much the better. Of course, the city can't count on such funds, because if the cameras succeed at their primary function, safety, then revenue would dry up.

Since I am grumbling already, let me say I am also not happy about the idea of trade missions to Israel at this time. Netanyahu's policies in Gaza and the West Bank are being manipulated by racists like Ben-Gvir, and I don't think Vaughan should give implicit approval to that. If we want improved trade relations, let the Israelis come here.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](mailto:Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca)
Subject: Re: [External] Speed Cameras.
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:50:15 PM

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You understand people's frustration and have the power to pause the initiative, yet you don't have the power to stop it? I'm sorry Mayor, but that doesn't cut it. We voted for you. I've read articles where even you seem surprised by the insane number, so where's that "working for you" attitude? How about being vocal about removing them? You want the public trust, you have to earn it, and pausing this community robbery instead of trying to kill it is the problem. Until then, me along with the rest of my community members will speak with our votes.

On Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 3:44 PM Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca> wrote:

No offense [REDACTED] but that's not how the system works in municipal government. The Mayor doesn't allow or disallow policy approvals. Only Council as a group makes the decision. So this item, and all items generally, was approved by Council which is comprised of 10 of us.

I understand your frustration, which is why I asked my colleagues to support my motion to pause the program (which they did).

As always, I'd be happy to discuss more if you'd like, either via email or by phone.

Regards,

Steven

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:38:56 p.m.
To: Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca>
Subject: Re: [External] Speed Cameras.

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You're the Mayor. These speed cameras exist because you allow them to exist. 32,000 tickets in what, less than a month? Must be making bank for the city and who knows who else, robbing citizens who can barely afford groceries for going speeds that would NEVER yield a ticket otherwise. I know you've received more complaints than you can imagine and I know you're aware of how this is affecting your popularity.

As a citizen who once thought you were the best choice for the job, I've lost all confidence in you. You're supposed to help us in these economic uncertainties; not gauge us for more money.

The first candidate who pledged to get rid of this absolute scam of an initiative is getting my vote.

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On Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 2:51 PM Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca> wrote:

Hi ██████████

Thanks for your message. For what it's worth, I didn't "sign off" on this program. Council, as a group, approved the program many months ago.

The decision to pause the program was in response to the motion that I brought forward.

Hope this helps to clarify the situation. Happy to chat more about it if you'd like.

Regards,

Steven

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From: ██████████ ██████████
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:47:07 p.m.
To: Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Speed Cameras.

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These speed cameras are an absolute slap in the face to everyone who supported you. It's hard enough to live in this economy without being gauged by your own city. Disgraceful.

I don't care that you paused you them, I would never vote for you again after this, and I'll

make sure everyone I know is aware you signed off on these. With the all bullshit we have to deal with in the city that NEVER gets dealt with, we have to worry about being robbed by you in top of it all. Good riddance, you absolute disgrace of a mayor.

-a disgusted and embarrassed citizen who actually voted for you.

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From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed cameras
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:00:35 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:35 AM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Speed cameras

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Hello

My name is [REDACTED]. I am writing to complain about this automated speed cameras.

I am not a fast driver but have had 2 tickets in the last month. This is concern as the new speed cameras have gone up and really not knowing exactly where they are. The ticket is okay and the fine. However the air charges of 20.00!and license plate look up is absolutely ridiculous! This is a cash grab on the city. I will be appealing this tickets. I also learned that you have paused this process.

I am so upset I don't want to drive as I am only following traffic. So I can only imagine how many tickets have been issued. What a cash grab on your part.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:01:07 AM

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Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:40 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Speed Enforcement Cameras

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Hello,

I was disappointed to hear that you were only addressing the penalty orders/tickets effective June 4 in today's announcement regarding the automated speed enforcement cameras program.

I was issued a penalty order for driving 51 km/hr. in a Community Safety Zone where the speed limit was 40 km/hr. on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:05 am.

I was going northbound on Melville Ave, on route to see my grandchildren. I have taken this route many times and have never had any issues. I had considered appealing the ticket, but was told by others it would be useless, so I the paid the fine.

After hearing that you paused the issuance of new fines while you review the program, consideration should also be taken to those of us who were issued penalty orders prior to June 4. I feel that I should be refunded the penalty amount of \$78.25 that was paid on file number: [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Support for Resuming the Automated Speed Enforcement Program
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 3:03:34 PM

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your feedback regarding the City of Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 11:20 AM

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Dear Mayor Del Duca,

I am writing as a concerned resident [REDACTED] to express my strong support for the resumption of the city's Automated Speed Enforcement program.

Since the program was launched, I have observed firsthand its positive impact: drivers noticeably slow down when approaching camera zones. These zones are clearly marked with visible signage, and in my view, anyone receiving a ticket is doing so by choice, not by accident. Had there been a police present in that location at the time, the penalty would have been much more severe than just a ticket from the municipality. A complaint raised in the York newspaper article that some seniors stopped driving to bingo because they got tickets for overspeeding in a 40km school / park zone is really strange and inappropriate. Perhaps they should get a refresher course that speed limits must be obeyed. In fact, that could be one of the ways for them to avoid paying their first ticket - just get an online refresher program on driving safety rules.

Traffic safety should not be compromised for the sake of convenience or public pressure. Enforcement is an essential part of changing driver behaviour, and the program provides a fair, transparent, and effective way to ensure compliance with speed limits.

I urge the city to resume the program as soon as possible and continue investing in initiatives that prioritize the safety of residents over the discomfort of accountability.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [Marilyn Iafrate](#)
To: [REDACTED] [Steven Del Duca](#)
Cc: [Anna Venturo](#); [Gina Ciampa](#); [Marisa Provenzano](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Support for Speed Cameras in Vaughan
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:31:13 AM

Thank you [REDACTED] for your comments and I agree, drivers are finally slowing down in critical areas near schools and parks where the most vulnerable are to be found. I will share your comments with the Mayor.

Kind regards,

Marilyn Iafrate

Councillor, Ward 1

Maple/Kleinburg

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:27:22 AM
To: Marilyn Iafrate
Subject: [External] Support for Speed Cameras in Vaughan

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Dear Councillor Iafrate,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to express my support for the continued use of speed cameras in Vaughan, particularly in Ward 1. These cameras have made a noticeable difference in improving road safety, especially near schools and residential areas.

Since their introduction, I've seen drivers becoming more mindful of their speed, which has helped create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and families. We should not be allowing people who continue to speed in school zones to dictate policy. Hopefully, the tickets they receive will change their behaviour.

Thank you for your dedication to making Vaughan a safer place for everyone.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (2 minutes and 35 seconds)
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:28:17 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi, this message is for the mayor Steven Del Duca. My name is [REDACTED] and my cell number is [REDACTED]. I'm a resident of Maple and my husband was driving my car on May 27th and he received a ticket from the cameras on Melville. So I have an issue with this. I am not paying this ticket. You need to call me back because I understand that these cameras have been paused and I think that everybody who has gotten a ticket since they've been implemented the wrong way, then should tickets should all be suspended, not just as of June 3rd, OK Because first of all, the signs on Melville don't make sense. It goes from 50 to 40. By the time I see the 40 or anybody sees the 40, it's around the curve. So I'm going around the curve and I don't see that it's 40, OK, Nobody sees it. Secondly, there's 2. When the ticket was issued coming to my house, there's two cars on the road, 1 was beside my husband and 1 was my husband and the car beside my husband was going way ahead of my husband. So how do I know that ticket is an issue for that person and not my husband? So that's another thing that the cameras can't tell that who's the ticket for. OK, that's two. And third, you're charging me You guys are charging me to look up my license. Sorry to look up my information from my license plate. You're charging me. OK, I got charged on the ticket, OK to look up my license plate, which is personal information that I didn't agree for you to do. So you know what? I'm not paying this ticket. You need to call me back because those cameras that have been suspended due to further investigation, which I don't know why it wasn't investigated before you implemented the program. Like other areas you could have looked at like Richmond Hill to see how they did it, which you guys didn't. And I know for sure council members must have got tickets and have been disputing it as well. So you know what? You need to call me back because this is not fair. I'm not going through a whole thing of having to pay this ticket. I'm not paying it. So you need to call me back. Someone needs to be able to suspend this ticket. Someone in there needs to do their job and suspend my ticket, OK? Because not only that, my taxes that I'm I pay for are going to go up because of all these cameras in Vaughan for no reason at all. So please call me back [REDACTED] Goodbye.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (35 seconds)
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 1:15:48 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi, good afternoon. This is a message for Steven Del Duca. It's regarding the speeding cameras in Vaughan. I'm just wondering when those will be reinstated. I saw in the paper that those were temporarily removed, and I'm calling to understand why that was done and what the plan is from here. But the name is [REDACTED] and the phone number is [REDACTED]. Thank you.

You received a voice mail from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: mayor@vaughan.ca
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Voice Mail -Automated Speed Enforcement
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 5:04:22 PM

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- **Request to attend a screening to appeal the ticket.**

Please be aware that the pause relates to the City of Vaughan's ASE program and not that of York Region.

I want to assure you that we are listening and taking meaningful steps to respond to resident concerns while continuing to prioritize road safety for all.

Steven

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] 40km/hr maximum on main roads
Date: Sunday, March 30, 2025 9:04:20 PM

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Hello Mayor,

I would like to express my displeasure with the decision by the city to assign a 40km/hr maximum speed limit to certain roads in the Thornhill area. I have lived in Thornhill for over 30 years and, while I certainly do believe in taking measures to make our city and roads safe, I feel that it is being taken to an unnecessary extreme. One example of this is on New Westminster Dr. between Centre Street and Steeles Ave West. This is a 4 lane road (2 lanes in both directions) with traffic lights all along it. It is a main road, not a 2 lane residential side street lined with houses and driveways where children might be playing. It makes no sense that New Westminster Dr. should have the same speed limit as small side streets. Other than being a cash grab with speed cameras soon to be installed, I see no benefit to residents. Drivers already have a stressful time commuting around a busy place such as the GTA and shouldn't need to have an even longer drive to get wherever they're going due to unreasonably low speed limits. While it is understandable to have a 40km zone right in front of schools along this road, the rest of the road should be 50km/hr, just like any other main road.

I look forward to receiving your response to my concern.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: Automated speed enforcement
Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024 12:43:22 PM

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From [REDACTED]
Date: October 20, 2024 at 12:40:43 PM EDT
To: gilamartow@vaughan.ca
Subject: Automated speed enforcement

Good morning Gila,

Last month my husband received two automated speed enforcement tickets. The speeding offences both happened at Keele and Dina.

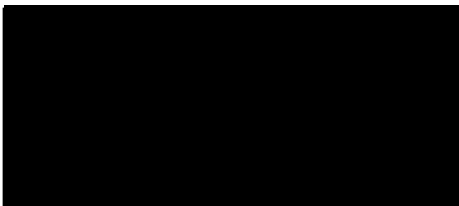
First, we do not drive in that area very often we did not know or see the signs on Keele of the speed change and the community safety zone.

The second issue is the process time from one ticket to the second ticket. The first ticket was mailed out October 3 and the date of the offence was September 18, 2024, the second ticket offence was September 25, 2024 and was mailed out October 11, 2024. Clearly he was not aware of the speed change otherwise he would have adjusted his speed. It took two weeks before we received the first ticket and another two weeks to receive the second. I'm not disputing that fact that he was speeding but the process time between the first ticket to the second one is not acceptable. If the process time was faster we feel he would have not gotten the second ticket. The first ticket we have paid for it but the second second I was not able to pay due to the fact it's still not showing the system.

As we are on a pension a fix income and find it hard to pay bills you become overwhelmed when you receive two tickets for the amount of \$335.00 in a month.

Looking forward to your response.

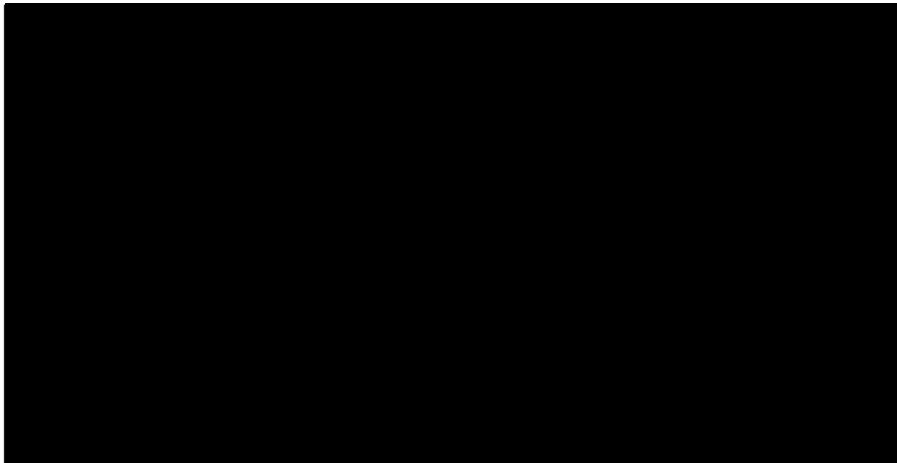
Thanks



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, March 04, 2025 6:59:06 PM

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From: "Field, Jeffrey"
Date: March 4, 2025 at 4:08:46 PM EST
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]



Thanks for reaching out – I trust you and your family are doing well.

When the department receives an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) notice, our Service Quality / Investigations Unit will review the matter to assess whether or not the vehicle in question meets the criteria for exemption under section 128., (13) of the Highway Traffic Act which states that: *the speed limits prescribed under this section, or any regulation or by-law passed under this section do not apply to: (c) an ambulance while responding to an emergency call or being used to transport a patient or injured person in an emergency situation; of the highway Traffic Act.*

If an exemption is applied, the appropriate information is submitted to the Regional Courts. In those situations where our vehicle has not been exempted, the department is responsible for submitting payment.

As I'm unsure if your response units would be classified as an ambulance/emergency response vehicle per O. Reg. 257/00, I would contact your legal counsel on how to proceed.

Hope that helps!

-J

Jeffrey D. Field NCIT-S, ACP, BA | Commander (A) – Operations,
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Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 3:31 PM

To: Field, Jeffrey

Subject: [REDACTED]

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Thank you in advance.

[Redacted signature block]

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Re: [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025 9:16:45 AM
Attachments: [Automated Traffic Penalty – Web App York Region.pdf](#)

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Dear Anna,

Thank you for leaving a message on the office line yesterday. I know you spoke to [REDACTED] directly as he relayed the message to me.

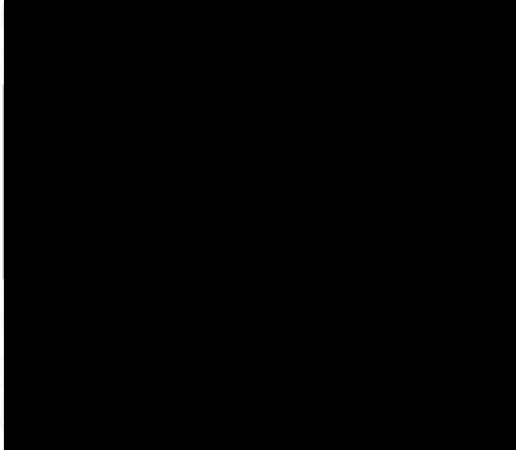
I am attaching a pdf showing what option is available currently on the York Region website regarding this penalty notice.

As you can see, the only option we have is "Pay Fine"

There is nowhere that I can see to request a hearing.

Please advise further.

Regards,




On Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:


Thank you, ANNA for the call. Attached is the link. Please let us know if you need any further.

We are listed in section 3.1

O. Reg. 484/07: LAMPS - USE OF FLASHING RED, GREEN OR BLUE LIGHTS
ontario.ca 



On Mar 5, 2025, at 12:05 PM, mayor@vaughan.ca wrote:

Good afternoon Councillor Martow and 

I have reached out to the Region and will be back in touch once I have information to share.

Kind regards,

Anna Venturo

Executive Assistant to Mayor Del Duca

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From: Gila Martow <Gila.Martow@vaughan.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7:13 PM

To: ; mayor@vaughan.ca

Cc: 

Subject: 

, I am going to forward this issue with the speed camera on Yonge St to the mayor's office.

Gila

Local Councillor, Ward 5 Vaughan

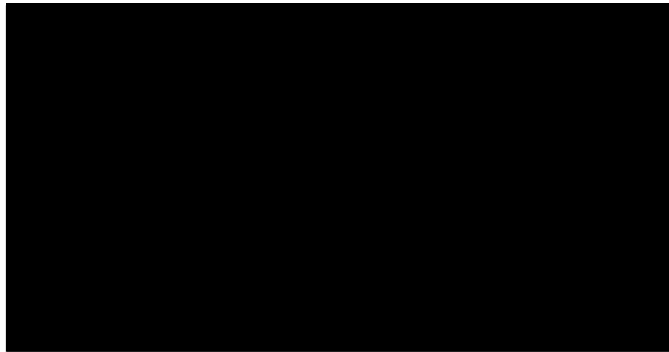
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On Mar 4, 2025, at 6:59 PM, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

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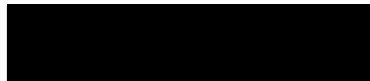
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Field, Jeffrey" <Jeffrey.Field@york.ca>

Date: March 4, 2025 at 4:08:46 PM EST

To: [REDACTED]

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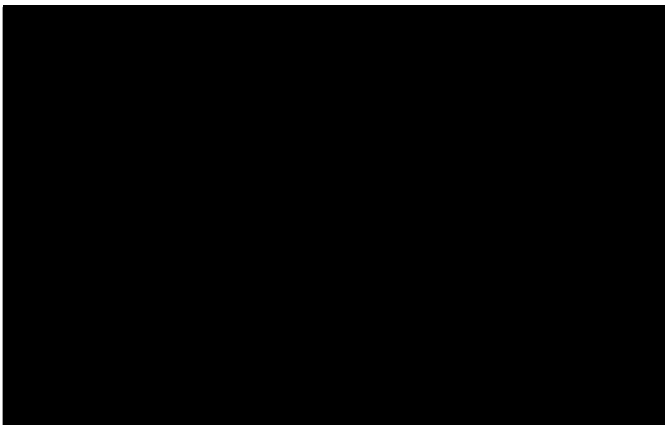
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Yonge Street Speeding Ticket
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:26:55 AM

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[REDACTED]
An excellent summary.

I was also caught by that speed camera for driving safely at 52 kph on Yonge (southbound) in this most unnecessary and unreasonable 40 kph section. The street had almost no other traffic going south at this time, also no pedestrians and no cyclists. I did not notice any 40 kph sign, or I would have complied. However, I have already paid the fine of about \$82. I will now submit your analysis and request a refund.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

PS. Gila copied for information.

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 04:26:20 p.m. EST, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see attached my submission to York Region regarding my speeding ticket and why I don't think I, you or anyone else should pay a fine for an unreasonable speed zone on Yonge St in Thornhill.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow; accessyork@york.ca](mailto:Gila.Martow@accessyork.ca)
Subject: [External] SPEED CAMERA COMING SOON but already in use - signage is confusing ??
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 12:55:14 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
Importance: High

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Hi Gila, I am a concerned Thornhill resident.

We have a COMING SOON SPEED CAMERA sign on Newestminster/Brownridge on the south west corner.

My neighbours are already receiving SPEED CAMERA tickets, but the **SPEED CAMERA COMING SOON** sign is still up.

According to the City of Vaughan website, it should be replaced by SPEED CAMERA IN USE sign. This is conflicting???

Please advise

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Will there be a warning period before cameras are installed? ^

Yes. Before the program can officially launch and any penalties are issued, the Province of Ontario has stipulated that "MUNICIPAL SPEED CAMERA COMING SOON" signs be implemented 90 days before a camera is activated. Once the 90-day period is up, these warning signs will be replaced with "MUNICIPAL SPEED CAMERA IN USE" signs. At this point, penalties will begin to be issued.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Camera on Yonge St. south of Arnold Ave.
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 1:32:41 PM

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My wife and I have received 3 tickets from this Automated Speed Enforcement camera on Yonge St. south of Arnold Ave.

As residents living on [REDACTED] we pass by this intersection regularly.

We have received 3 tickets this week for going 51 KM/hr, 52 KM/hr, and 54 KM/hr.

We are very aware of the school zone - 2 of our children attended Thornhill Secondary School.

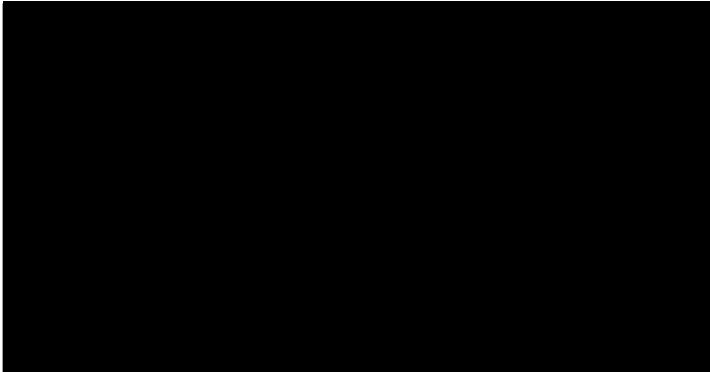
I do not believe the cameras are calibrated properly, since I am sure that we have never exceeded 50 KM/hr in this area.

I also believe these cameras are not there for safety - they are purely a cash grab, The school is completely fenced off

from Yonge St. - if these were placed for safety they would be along Arnold Ave which is where students can be seen walking.

I strenuously object to this cash grab, and urge you all to ensure that they are either removed or are set to penalize

speeders - not those driving at a normal speed.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [Brenda Bisceglia](mailto:Brenda.Bisceglia)
Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Francesca Cesario](#); [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Marilyn Iafrate](#); [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Rosanna DeFrancesca](#); [Chris Ainsworth](#); [Gila Martow](#); [Margie Chung](#); [Michael DiBattista](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Cameras - Not in favour
Date: Sunday, March 16, 2025 2:08:29 PM

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Hello Mr. Del Duca and Honourable Council Members,

Once again, I want to bring to your attention all the speed cameras that are active and that will be going active. These cameras are an attack on human nature and a contributor to the general population's mental health. Let me explain, we do not live in a zero-tolerance society!! And that's why, while speed limits are the law, they are not zero tolerance, hence no one is ticketed for going 120 on the highway when the limit is 100. Rarely will the police pull someone over when they are less than 10km's an hour over the speed limit, even in a school zone. Once again, the people in charge of putting these cameras up are not realistic. 40km/hr is a very difficult speed to maintain, cars very easily surpass that limit and with these cameras there is no situational awareness, no tolerance, nothing. Last point, I ask you to speak to someone in your engineering department who's designed a manufactured part in the past and ask them if they designed it with zero tolerance? In short, the only way to get it apart if there's no tolerance is to break it. And I'm afraid your already starting to see it with people. People will start "breaking" to, because of these zero tolerance speed cameras, and who knows how that will manifest itself. This surveillance society is wrong and needs to be eliminated sooner rather than later.

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 12:44:03 p.m. EDT, Joe Braccia wrote:

Thank you, Ms. Bisceglia.

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 10:46:38 a.m. EDT, Brenda Bisceglia wrote:

Thank you, [REDACTED] for your input regarding your neighborhood's speed policy and traffic calming measures.

Staff does consider our citizens' opinions when implementing policy changes and new traffic calming measures, as we recognize efficient mobility is important, along with ensuring a safer and more sustainable transportation network.

Your comments are noted.

With thanks

Brenda Bisceglia

Manager MoveSmart

Transportation and Fleet Management Services

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Grace Mulcahy

Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca; Francesca Cesario ; Linda Jackson ; Mario Ferri ; Gino Rosati ; Mario G. Racco ; Marilyn Iafrate ; Adriano Volpentesta ; Rosanna DeFrancesca ; Chris Ainsworth ; Gila Martow ; Brenda Bisceglia ; Margie Chung ; Michael DiBattista

Subject: Re: [External] Vughan Speed Policy - Not in favour

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Hi Ms. Mulcahy,

Thank you for your email. Going back to my original argument, lower speeds, as in 40km/hr, is completely unrealistic and with speed bumps in front of Mackenzie Glen P.S and on Drummond, unnecessary. As a citizen living on this street that is my opinion, it's never too late to change your mind, so I am asking that council reconsider this and not do it.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 09:06:29 a.m. EDT, Grace Mulcahy wrote:

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Please be advised that Traffic Staff have received your inquiry.

The area you are referring to was reduced to a Block 40 km/h neighbourhood in 2023. Speed limit

reductions are in alignment with the City's [Speed Limit Policy](#), which was approved

by Council in 2021. Speed limit reductions are part of a larger traffic strategy geared towards enhancing road safety throughout the City, particularly in areas with a high presence of vulnerable road users such as neighbourhood areas, schools or community centers.

Mobile signs are currently deployed City-wide as additional blocks and streets in the City will have speed limit reductions – implementation is scheduled for this Summer. You can find more information

[here](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Grace Mulcahy, EIT

Traffic Project Coordinator and Liaison Specialist

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:23 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: Linda Jackson <Linda.Jackson@vaughan.ca>; Mario Ferri <Mario.Ferri@vaughan.ca>; Gino Rosati <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>; Mario G. Racco <MarioG.Racco@vaughan.ca>; Marilyn Iafrate <Marilyn.Iafrate@vaughan.ca>; Adriano Volpentesta <Adriano.Volpentesta@vaughan.ca>; Rosanna DeFrancesca <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>; Chris Ainsworth <Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>; Gila Martow <Gila.Martow@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Vughan Speed Policy - Not in favour

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I live next to Mackenzie Glen P.S. and do not understand why your lowering speed limits to 40km/hr. That's completely unrealistic and unnecessary. I say unnecessary because I live here, aside from the fact your always going to have the odd jackass that speeds, it's not a major problem, especially with all the speed bumps on Melville/Drummond. I ask that you reconsider because it's not too late to change your mind.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Speed Limits in School Zones
Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 12:50:56 PM

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Hi Gila,

I hope you are well. I am writing to you about speed limits in school zones. We all want to keep children safe. However, is it necessary to enforce school speed limits when there are no children in school? Progressive cities in Canada and the US commonly reduce speed limits only during school hours. Vaughan can accomplish this with little or no cost. Another thing that should be in upcoming city plans is synchronized stop lights that allow flow-through at a pre-set speed. It is environmentally efficient, reduces congestion and calms drivers. Currently it is not usual to stop at red light while the following block is green and then arrive at the next block only to be stopped by a newly changed red light. This is poor city planning.

We all live here and appreciate when the city looks for ways to make life in Vaughan smoother. I am sure it is no surprise to you that I am not alone with these concerns. For information sake, please include the names listed above when you respond. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks in advance for your efforts to help our community.

Be well. Chag somayach,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Yonge Street Speeding Ticket
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 4:26:40 PM
Attachments: [Yonge Speeding Ticket 2025.docx](#)

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Hi [REDACTED]

Please see attached my submission to York Region regarding my speeding ticket and why I don't think I, you or anyone else should pay a fine for an unreasonable speed zone on Yonge St in Thornhill.

[REDACTED]

Reasons for Appeal

I received a speeding ticket while travelling south on Yonge St. past the Thornhill PS in January and I find this newly set 40 km speed zone completely unreasonable and unnecessary.

My reasons are as follows;

School Catchment Zone – according to the YRDSB all of the students that attend Thornhill PS live west of Yonge St. so there is no need for any of the Thornhill PS students to cross over Yonge St. getting to and from school or their home.

Pedestrian traffic – **It is important to note, owing to a tall chain link fence, there is no vehicle or pedestrian access to the school along its entire Yonge St. frontage.** Access to the school is from further west on Arnold Ave. via a one-way driveway where school busses park to pick up and deliver students and the parents, doing the same, park along Arnold Ave. next to the school and driveway.

Inconsistent – The Thornlea SS and the Bayview SS on Bayview Ave in Markham also have School Zones governed by speed cameras. Anyone who drives past these two schools during school hours is well aware of the stream of students crossing Bayview Ave. (and Major MacKenzie Dr.) as they head to the local plazas during breaks and at lunchtime. Despite the resulting steady pedestrian flow along and across these streets, the posted speed limit for both these monitored school speed zones is set at 50 km.

Confusing – There are two traffic signs situated on the south side of Arnold Ave. (@ 25 feet and @ 30 feet +/-) west of Yonge St. They signify the end of the Community Safety Zone and the end of the 40 km Speed Zone. Hence, the speed limit shifts back to the normal 50 km on Arnold Ave. as one approaches Yonge St.

However, turning right onto Yonge St, normally a 50 km zone, with little advance notice one is thrust back into another Community Safety Zone and a 40 km Speed Camera Zone while heading southbound on Yonge St. **I reiterate, owing to a tall chain link fence, there is no vehicle or pedestrian access to the school along the school's entire Yonge St. frontage. The 40 km is unnecessary.**

YR Policy – Reduce Speed limit by 10 km in all School Zones. Yonge St. has a 50 km posted speed limit for much of its length through Thornhill. A further 10 km reduction to 40km in this newly designated zone (with no plaza across Yonge St, no driveways off Yonge, no lunchtime stream of students, no jaywalkers) on a wide open road is excessive and completely un-necessary. In fact, it will likely cause more traffic chaos and accidents than the previous normal 50 km speed condition.

This potential for traffic concerns could be eliminated if York Region's Policy was tailored to local conditions, as should be the case along Yonge St. in front of the Thornhill PS, and by simply raising the speed limit back to (a speed camera regulated) 50 km.

Recommendations

That York Region return to the 50 km speed limit through the Thornhill PS Zone and maintain the Speed Camera system also set at 50 km similar to the monitored school zones on Bayview Ave.

That the York Region install properly backlit speed limit signs at each of the existing and proposed School Speed Zones so drivers get a fair and obvious warning of a reduced speed zone ahead.

That these backlit flashing warning signs and speed cameras operate only during the school days and hours as specified on these new traffic signs within the these zones.

Until these backlit signs are operational, the Region should provide for a grace period and suspend the fines associated with the speed camera operations sending drivers a "NO FEE" notice of their infraction.

Drivers already ticketed be reimbursed for fines paid and any drivers holding an unpaid speeding ticket should receive a "NO FEE" letter cancelling all the tickets until the backlit signs installation is complete.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Yonge Street
Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 6:48:17 PM

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Greetings Gila,

I was informed that they are inputting a speed camera at Yonge and Arnold. I think this is a very poor decision as it will cost people many money since this being inputted on one of the busiest streets in Toronto that is typically 60 km an hour street.

But mansion, the traffic on Yonge Street is already very bad, especially in rush-hour and people are in a rush to get to their destinations.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 9 seconds)
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025 3:45:03 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Excuse me. Hi. My name is [REDACTED]. My phone number is [REDACTED]. I live in your ward. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Like in the condo, I'm calling to complain about the radar that's been placed right at Young and Arnold's reducing the street limit to 40 kilometers an hour. In the past week I've received 3 speeding tickets and for doing like 50 kilometers an hour. I find this with the fixed income I'm under. I find this kind of ridiculous. Doing 40 kilometers an hour on Young St. So it's the same speed limit that you have on Arnold Ave. If you could call me back, please, I'd really appreciate it. I don't know how I can how I can respond to these ridiculous penalties that I'm receiving. Thank you again. My name is [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 15 seconds)
Date: Friday, February 07, 2025 3:23:43 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hello, my name is [REDACTED], live in Ward 5. My mobile number is [REDACTED]. I don't know if you're the right person to speak to about the new speed cameras, and I'm not complaining about speed cameras, but the one on Young Street at Arnold is just very unfair. If the municipality or if it's the region wants people to truly slow down, they should have a big flashing light as you'll see on Beecroft. So the Finch wanted to warn you to slow down, but no one expects the speed limit to drop to 40 when it's 50 just about everywhere on Young Street from the lake all the way up to lake to lake. So I already got 1 ticket and I think maybe I got 1 today again because I forgot for some I didn't know. Anyways, I don't understand the speed cameras there, but there's not sufficient warning, that's I guess from my comment. Anyway, sorry about the long message. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Concern Regarding Local Speed Camera Enforcement
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 5:04:47 PM

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Dear Mayor Stephen De Luca

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Vaughan living at [REDACTED]. I'm writing to express my concern regarding recent speeding penalties my wife received on New Westminister Drive near Clark Avenue—not once, but twice. The issue is not just the violations themselves, but the very short time frame between them: one issued on April 25th and the second on May 1st. Both fines arrived in the mail within just four days of each other.

If the primary goal of speed cameras is to encourage safer driving habits, issuing multiple fines in such rapid succession—without any clear warning or indication that the cameras are active—seems counterproductive. Drivers are given no opportunity to recognize their error and adjust their behaviour before being penalized again.

A more constructive approach might include a visual or auditory alert, such as a flashing light, to immediately notify drivers when they are speeding. This would provide an opportunity for correction in real time, serving as a preventative and educational tool rather than a purely punitive measure—especially given today's challenging economic climate.

Additionally, I would like to raise some questions about the placement of these speed cameras. The cameras on New Westminister Drive near Clark Avenue are located next to a pedestrian crosswalk with a button-activated light, which already provides a controlled and safe crossing. I have also noticed new potential camera installations on Joseph Aaron Parkway near Charlton P.S., an area that already has several speed bumps in place to slow traffic. I am not aware of any significant safety incidents or accidents occurring on either New Westminister Drive or Joseph Aaron Parkway. What criteria does the City use when deciding where to install these cameras?

We fully support the importance of road safety and responsible driving. However, a more balanced, transparent, and educational approach would not only enhance public trust but also more effectively achieve the goal of safer streets without placing an undue financial burden on residents.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#); mayor@vaughan.ca; [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#)
Subject: [External] 30 km/h Speed Limit; Traffic Congestion
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 3:15:05 PM

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To:

Dr. Gila Martow - Ward 5 Municipal Councillor
His Worship Mayor Steven Del Duca, Mayor, City of Vaughan
Ms. Linda Jackson, Regional Councillor, York Region
Mr. Mario Ferri, Regional Councillor, York Region
Mr. Gino Rosati, Regional Councillor, York Region
Mr. Mario G. Racco, Regional Councillor, York Region

Dear Elected Representatives,

I have completed the City's survey on its consideration of reducing speed limits to 30kmh in Community Safety Zones (CMZ's). I believe that additional feedback is warranted.

Should we reduce speed limits in CMZ's? ABSOLUTELY NOT! Respectfully, here's why not.

1. **Enforcement**

The issue is not the posted speed limit as much as enforcement. For example, near Rosedale Heights Public School, you could post a 30kmh limit and drivers will still speed down the hill westbound on Atkinson toward the intersection with Highcliffe Drive, even more-so when the facing traffic light turns yellow. I see it every time I pass that intersection. Drivers don't go 40 at this intersection. And reducing the speed limit to 30 won't materially change how fast drivers go there. Enforcing the 40kmh limit will. (And by the way, I've always believed that a traffic light should NEVER have been put at this intersection instead of a Stop sign. At least with a 4-way stop, all drivers would be forced to slow to at least a crawl -- if not inclined to come to a complete legal stop -- and to check all ways in the intersection.)

Speaking of enforcement, the introduction of photo radar across the City will undoubtedly have the effect of slowing vehicles down to what in most cases will be 40kmh in CMZ's. Is it really necessary to reduce the speed limit once "40 is the new 60"? I say an emphatic "no"! An enforced speed of 40kmh is already numbingly slow.

2. **Education**

As a matter of community safety, the next most important issue is education: schools need to bring back, or put more emphasis on, safety obligations of a pedestrian, bicyclist, and scooter/skateboarder rider. (Whatever happened to *Elmer the Safety Elephant*??) While the driver of a vehicle will always be blamed for any incident involving a pedestrian, bicyclist, or scooter/skateboarder rider, there is increasingly the likelihood that the latter parties contributed substantially to the incident. This can, and should, be offset by proper education, including for example about:

- crossing at intersections, not between parked cars and elsewhere mid-block (e.g. just watch the students crossing New Westminster during school hours, between Westmount Collegiate and the Shoppers Drugmart Plaza);

- not looking at phones while crossing;
- very importantly, understanding what a driver can and cannot see, and what a driver can react to when making turns;
- riding a bike/scooter on the proper path, in the proper direction, and how to safely cross at an intersection;
- the additional dangers of high-speed crosses on a crosswalk, e.g. bicycling on the pedestrian walkway rather than walking the bike, or using a skateboard, scooter or e-bike at faster than walking speed on a crosswalk – especially when the biker/rider is continuing onto the crosswalk at higher-speed from driving along the sidewalk, as opposed to having started from a standing stop at the intersection where a car driver can readily see them – and again, understanding what a driver can and cannot see and can react to (especially when the car is turning);
- additional dangers if the vehicle is a truck or bus (regarding turns, stopping distances, etc.); and
- obviously, but maybe not – the safety value in observing road signs and the law!

3. **Additional Safety Measures**

Given the increase of “higher-speed users” of sidewalks (such as those riding scooters, e-bikes, bicycles, etc. – whether legal on sidewalks or not), one item that is related to safety is that shrubs and other installations often block the view of the sidewalk and/or roadway from a driver trying to enter the road from a parking lot or other off-road area. Danger is created if the driver is blocked from seeing whether anyone is coming along the sidewalk, especially if it involves a higher speed than a pedestrian walking. A municipality I used to live in prohibited any kind of fence, wall, shrub, tree or other growth that exceeded a very low height (maybe 30-40 cms.), within maybe 10 metres of an intersection or exit road from any property. If the City does not have – and enforce – such a by-law, it should consider it.

4. **Congestion**

I also note that the City’s *Vaughan News* says that Mayor Del Duca is committed to “fighting traffic gridlock”.

In my view, 30kmh limits will only exacerbate the traffic congestion we have in this City.

I’ve been living in Vaughan for over 30 years (and have been driving for over 50 years), and I am appalled at how traffic management (mis-management?) is making this city so unliveable.

Eliminating right-hand turn lanes and right-on-red where it makes no sense, narrowing lanes to intentionally slow down vehicles, adding exclusive bus lanes when busses are way too few and far between to make them a reasonable alternative to travel by car, and on and on, all add up to increasing congestion, less enjoyment of living and working in Vaughan, and, I expect, more road rage.

If the Mayor is truly committed to fighting traffic gridlock, it is obvious that speed limits in CMZ’s should never be reduced to 30kmh.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement - Cash grab for the city?
Date: Friday, May 09, 2025 2:39:05 PM
Attachments: [signature-1.png](#)
[bg_glasses.png](#)

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Hi Gila;

As you know I live in a community safety zone [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The volume of traffic and the ongoing speeding cars who seem to disregard the 40 km speed limit and the crossover has yet to result in anyone being ticketed for driving faster than the limit.

Recently I was driving on New Westminister, a route I've been driving for years, and this week received a penalty order for an automated speed enforcement infraction. I now know this is something new the city has implemented and to be honest, it feels like a cash grab by the city. New Westminister is not a residential area, there is already both a crosswalk and a stop light at Brownridge into the promenade, so the short stretch from Clark Avenue to Brownridge seems like an unlikely place to put cameras to 'catch' drivers. I was apparently going 52 km an hour, which is barely 30 miles an hour. 40 km an hour is 24 miles an hour. This is a very slow speed to keep traffic moving in a non-residential area. Yes, I know there is a school on Clark Avenue.

What is most disconcerting is the \$15 Victim Fine Surcharge and an \$8.25 Licence Plate Search Fee. No idea what a Victim Fine Surcharge is, as it feels like drivers who are just attempting to get through the traffic chaos in our area, are actually the victims.

It seems every area is now labeled a community safety zone and as a driver who has lived in this area since 1983, it feels like things are regressing when it comes to keeping traffic moving without construction slowing things down and now automated speed enforcement cameras.

I have learned that a lot of people are calling the city and asking about this, as the education factor was non-existent, unless you happen to visit the city website. I knew nothing about this and have asked for a call for an appeal. I do hope you are aware of what seems like a cash grab for the city, as from a traffic flow and concern for the environment, this makes little sense. Keeping traffic moving is healthiest for the environment.

I'll appreciate hearing your feedback.

[REDACTED]

Peace Always,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Community Feedback on Speed Cameras
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:01:27 AM

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Dear Miss Martow,

I have been presented with no information that provides evidence that speeding has become a problem in Vaughan. I am therefore left to conclude that slowing traffic and burdening members of our community with high fines is in the mind of an individual or individuals who believe this will benefit our community. Without evidence to the contrary, I disagree. If these cameras are not taken down as soon as possible, I will work tirelessly with my wife and other volunteers to replace the entire community council, including the mayor, with other individuals as a consequence of this unreasonable burden being placed on our community. There is no need to respond to this email unless you have concrete and credible evidence that speeding has led to tragedies in our community. Instead, this message is to give you feedback, and I am certain my sentiment is shared by many. If you want your job, accommodate the people who have elected you. If you disagree with my position and believe I am in the minority, I suggest holding a referendum to let the people of our community decide for themselves whether they want speed cameras or not.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Rosanna DeFrancesca](#); [Marilyn Iafrate](#); [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Chris Ainsworth](#); [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: ASE and road design concerns
Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 9:20:07 AM

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Hello councillors,
Please see below.
Happy Easter,
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: April 17, 2025 at 11:10:54 PM EDT
To: service@vaughan.ca
Subject: ASE and road design concerns

Hello,

I am writing to express concerns with ASEs and road design as a citizen of Vaughan.

The concern is that more and more ASEs are popping up without any regard to actual road design improvements. York Region's own website states that speed compliance is increased by 25% in areas where these cameras are in use - a pretty dismal number when it's the second top thing the region lists for ways to improve road safety. ASEs are typically used in community safety zones where there may be a higher incidence of car-pedestrian conflict. However, the main issue is that many of the roads ASEs are used on are still designed like a wide two lane highway; take Ansley Grove for example. Everything about road designs like this is telling drivers to drive quickly because driving is a subconscious act as we drive according to the road design. Sure there is signage that we must look out for, but that does not change the fact that the act is fundamentally subconscious. Unfortunately, what is not listed in York Region's road safety plan are road design changes. I'm not talking about things like painting slow down on the road, but about things such as medians that narrow the lanes that will actually make drivers slow down because the road design will make drivers uncomfortable to drive quickly. But if the municipalities did that, it would not make millions of dollars off the cameras. So if municipalities truly cared about reducing child deaths in a major way and not just using a half measure to make money, it would take major steps into road design changes. Cameras are a lazy way to try to solve road safety issues, and miss the mark as they are not nearly as effective as road design changes that will force drivers to alter behaviour in real time. This must take courage to implement.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#); [Steven Del Duca](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Municipal Speed Cameras
Date: Wednesday, May 07, 2025 2:08:52 PM

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Hi Steven and Gila,

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my strong opposition to the continued use of automated speed enforcement cameras in our community.

While I understand the stated intent behind these devices—to improve road safety—I believe they are an ineffective and deeply flawed solution. In many cases, speed cameras have proven to be more about generating revenue than genuinely protecting public safety. Their presence often results in unjust penalties for safe drivers due to minor infractions, inconsistent speed limits, or poor signage. Rather than promoting safer roads, they undermine trust in law enforcement and erode public confidence in traffic governance.

More importantly, these cameras lack the human judgment that real officers bring to traffic enforcement. They cannot assess context, account for emergencies, or distinguish between reckless and safe driving behaviour. The result is a system that feels arbitrary and punitive.

I urge you to reconsider your stance on this issue. The continued support and expansion of automated speed enforcement will directly influence how I vote in the next election. As your constituent, I expect solutions that are fair, effective, and respectful of individual rights—not systems that punish without discretion.

I sincerely hope you take this issue seriously and align your policies with the concerns of the people you represent. I can assure you that my vote—and likely the votes of many others in our community—will depend on it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED] [Gila Martow](#)

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: [External] Re: Speed Limits in School Zones

Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 2:59:29 PM

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Hi Gila,

Chag Pesach Somayach! I'm in complete agreement with [REDACTED] on his statements below. Most of the traffic lights in the neighborhood do not have sensors to detect vehicles thus many times you go from one red light to the next one with no vehicles at the intersection. Adding speed cameras to school zones when school is closed is extremely frustrating aside from costly if you are fined and not necessary.

We trust you will address these issues ASAP.

Thank you,

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 12:50:37 PM

To: Gila Martow

Subject: Speed Limits in School Zones

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Hi Gila,

I hope you are well. I am writing to you about speed limits in school zones. We all want to keep children safe. However, is it necessary to enforce school speed limits when there are no children in school? Progressive cities in Canada and the US commonly reduce speed limits only during school hours. Vaughan can accomplish this with little or no cost. Another thing that should be in upcoming city plans is synchronized stop lights that allow flow-through at a pre-set speed. It is environmentally efficient, reduces congestion and calms drivers. Currently it is not usual to stop at red light while the following block is green and then arrive at the next block only to be stopped by a newly changed red light. This is poor city planning.

We all live here and appreciate when the city looks for ways to make life in Vaughan smoother. I am sure it is no surprise to you that I am not alone with these concerns. For information sake, please include the names listed above when you respond. I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks in advance for your efforts to help our community.

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Linda Jackson](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario Ferri](#)
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Traps - Yonge & Arnold
Date: Friday, May 09, 2025 6:03:23 PM

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Dear City of Vaughan and York Region Representatives & Mayor Delduca,

I have no other way to say it, but I am furious. As someone who has lived in the city of Vaughan for almost 37 years, these recent speed traps are a cash grab and a tax on drivers.

This is our family's third ticket at the new Automated Speed Trap at Yonge and Arnold. After the first one, we've been very careful, but it's difficult to slow down for such a short stretch of Yonge Street. It doesn't feel natural and hard to see the limit when it's dark and you're trying to concentrate on safe driving. Going 51 km and 54 km on Yonge St. is not speeding. It is the normal speed on a major street. Most of Yonge Streets and other streets like it have a speed limit of 60 km.

This Yonge and Arnold speed trap doesn't even make sense. The entrance to the school is on Arnold Street, not on Yonge street, so taking a small piece of Yonge Street and making the speed limit 40 km is a trap and a ploy to catch honest, hard working residents. Also, I understand that the Catchment area for this Public School is west of Yonge Street so no kids will be crossing Yonge street to get there. I am also not sure if these speeds are for for the whole day, but if it's because of a school zone it should only be for school day times.

Life is expensive enough these days, that I find these new speed traps to be a new tax on drivers. I understand a speed limit of 40 km on a side street in a school zone, but not on a major thoroughfare like Yonge Street.

I have heard of numerous people getting tickets, going 50-60 km, which is not an abnormal or dangerous speed on a major street.

I find this unfair and expect to hear from you and have these cameras removed.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Traps
Date: Thursday, May 08, 2025 11:31:36 PM

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Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Marilyn Iafrate](#)
Cc: [Rosanna DeFrancesca](#); [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Chris Ainsworth](#); [Gila Martow](#); [Gina Ciampa](#); [Marisa Provenzano](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: ASE and road design concerns
Date: Friday, April 18, 2025 10:21:41 AM

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Hi Marilyn,

Thanks for the response.

You're right, I just referenced the stat from York Region as I couldn't find one on Vaughan's website. You're right though, Vaughan does have some more traffic calming measures that York Region does not reference. <https://www.vaughan.ca/residential/roads-and-traffic/traffic/traffic-calming-measures> However, these must be more strategically placed, and in higher numbers. For example, in my ward, which is ward 3 I believe, Ansley Grove where one of these cameras will be, is 40km/h and the road is designed like a two lane highway. There's not a single meaningful traffic calming measure on that road other than a pedestrian traffic light. You will still get complaints about speeders from constituents even with these cameras. They only increase speed compliance by 25% (these numbers vary widely). Just because constituents still complain about speeders where other traffic calming measures are in place does not discredit those measures. It means they are not being implemented effectively or in numbers large enough, or the more meaningful ones are not being used. I hope you take a few minutes when you have time and view the video I attached.

Thanks again for your time,

[REDACTED]

On Apr 18, 2025, at 9:41 AM, Marilyn Iafrate wrote:

Thank you [REDACTED] for your comments and observations.

You have referenced York Region in your email which neither of us are members of and therefore cannot comment in return.

For further information regarding York region actions and policies, please reach out to one of your 4 regional councillors being:

Linda Jackson

Mario Ferri

Gino Rosati

Mario Racco

I can only say that cameras are placed in areas where data collected by traffic engineering staff clearly supports the need to address speeding.

In terms of making streets look smaller, we have that in place in many areas of my ward through line painting, island, jut-outs and other design mechanisms and my office still receives complaints about speeders including streets that have multiple speed humps.

Any funds collected from the camera program goes back to making more streets safe for our respective communities.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

Marilyn lafrate

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My work day may look different than your work day. Please do not feel obligated to respond out of your normal working hours.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 7:20 AM

To: Rosanna DeFrancesca ; Marilyn lafrate ; Adriano Volpentesta ; Chris Ainsworth ; Gila Martow

Subject: [External] Fwd: ASE and road design concerns

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Happy Easter,

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]

Date: April 17, 2025 at 11:10:54 PM EDT

To: service@vaughan.ca

Subject: ASE and road design concerns

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PS, a great video on this topic for your visualization:

[The Wrong Way to Set Speed Limits \[ST06\]](#)
[youtube.com](#)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Steven Del Duca](#); [Gila Martow](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [External] Municipal Speed Cameras
Date: Thursday, May 08, 2025 8:54:41 AM

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Hi Steven,

I would be more than happy to connect tomorrow. Let me know a few times that work for you: [REDACTED]

I will reiterate, my thoughts are simple.

I am an active pedestrian and fully appreciate the need for safe streets:

- I take my dog for multiple walks per day
- I have kids who walk the neighbourhood and play outside
- I'm a cyclist who's constantly navigating the road
- I run about 40km a week both by myself and with my kids

Speeding cars have never been my issue. Especially cars that are going 10-15 miles per hour over the speed limit, following the flow of traffic.

My issue, and what still scares me to this day, is intersections. Cars barely slow down at stop signs, drivers do not properly look when making left-hand turns, and drivers aggressively run red/yellow lights, and this does nothing to address that.

To this day, I am still nervous every time I cross at the Brownridge/Clark intersection, as countless times I've had drivers attempt left-hand turns into me. This is not a speed issue.

This is a punitive cash grab, with variances set at unrealistically low levels, that will do nothing to make the streets safer.

I will do my best to ensure that whoever continues supporting this is voted out the next time around.

Thanks,

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 6:43 PM Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca> wrote:

H [REDACTED]

Thanks for your message and for sharing your concerns about Vaughan's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program.

I'd be happy to give you a call to discuss further if you'd like. If so, please send me your # and please also let me know if there's a particular time of day that would work for a call.

Regards,

Steven

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:08:33 PM
To: Gila Martow <Gila.Martow@vaughan.ca>; Steven Del Duca <Steven.DelDuca@vaughan.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Municipal Speed Cameras

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Hi Steven and Gila,

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my strong opposition to the continued use of automated speed enforcement cameras in our community.

While I understand the stated intent behind these devices—to improve road safety—I believe they are an ineffective and deeply flawed solution. In many cases, speed cameras have proven to be more about generating revenue than genuinely protecting public safety. Their presence often results in unjust penalties for safe drivers due to minor infractions, inconsistent speed limits, or poor signage. Rather than promoting safer roads, they undermine trust in law enforcement and erode public confidence in traffic governance.

More importantly, these cameras lack the human judgment that real officers bring to traffic enforcement. They cannot assess context, account for emergencies, or distinguish between reckless and safe driving behaviour. The result is a system that feels arbitrary and punitive.

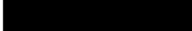
I urge you to reconsider your stance on this issue. The continued support and expansion of automated speed enforcement will directly influence how I vote in the next election. As your constituent, I expect solutions that are fair, effective, and respectful of individual rights—not systems that punish without discretion.

I sincerely hope you take this issue seriously and align your policies with the concerns of the people you represent. I can assure you that my vote—and likely the votes of many others in our community—will depend on it.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: 
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:58:48 PM

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Dear Mayor,

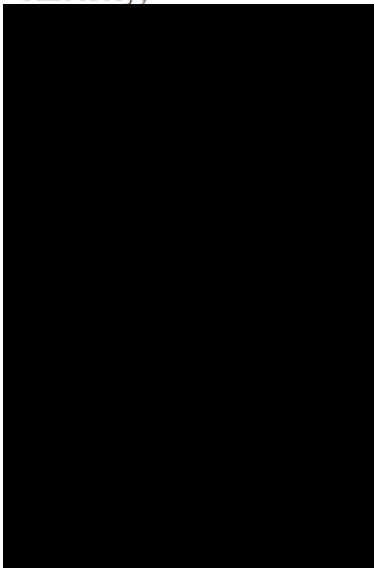
I am writing to express my deep frustration and concern regarding the recent surge in speeding tickets I have received for allegedly exceeding the speed limit by 11-14 km/h in designated "school zones." It is alarming that these incidents have occurred on main streets where no children are crossing, and they are not situated in residential neighborhoods such as Breckenridge, Yonge and Clark or Hilda.

Our entire community is in agreement that these measures appear to be motivated by financial gain rather than genuine safety concerns. Even prominent figures like Premier Doug Ford have acknowledged the dubious nature of these speed enforcement practices. The imposition of a 40 km/h speed limit on these roads, which are typically designed for higher speeds, poses a significant challenge for drivers like myself who make every effort to adhere to speed limits.

Despite my vigilance, I continue to receive tickets sporadically, prompting me to reevaluate my engagement in local council elections. Until now, I have not paid attention to who I vote for in council elections, but this issue has underscored the importance of electing representatives who prioritize fair and reasonable policies that serve the interests of the community.

I urge you to address these concerns promptly and reconsider the enforcement strategy in our area to restore trust and ensure that our roads are safe without unfairly burdening law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Can we chat? Would like your advice about the new speed traps
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:39:30 AM

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Hi Gila,

We chatted a few years ago when you won in our ward. I previously spent 11 years on the [REDACTED] and my husband [REDACTED] (who I'm copying here) was very active with the [REDACTED] until he became ill a few years ago. We've lived here in Thornhill for over 30 years.

I spoke with [REDACTED] who told me that the new speed trap cameras are "revenue-neutral" to the city but not to the company that operates them. If that's the case, then I'm assuming more and more speed traps will go in once people are conditioned to accept these new road tax instruments operating near schools only. I'm also assuming that the speed limits will be lowered in order to increase revenues.

My question is why did the city do this? Were there fatalities? If so, how many? Are people getting struck by cars in unreasonable numbers? Again, what is the accident rate every year? Are there many collisions? Is there a way to find out these statistics?

The city originally set the ticket threshold to 3 kilometers above the limit, but changed that to 5 kilometers. Was this based on a traffic study that showed that people weren't really dying and getting injured from traffic accidents at 3 kilometers above but they were at 5?

I'm sure the city is operating in good faith and wants to be transparent with the community, so surely there would be a way to access these statistics as well as the traffic studies that were used to justify these new speed traps.

I would be interested to know if the city is willing to conduct a referendum to see if ratepayers support this new road tax.

I'm interested in organizing some resistance to this and would like to speak to you before I involve people in my neighborhood. I would like to hear your opinion about the best way for the community to fight back against this anti-democratic, oppressive, and arbitrary tax. Should we be making presentations at council meetings? Writing letters? Petitions? A class action lawsuit? I'd be very interested in hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Thanks so much!

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] My thoughts on speed cameras
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 1:57:00 PM

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Dear Ms. Martow,

I'd like to hear your thoughts on the speed enforcement cameras and the policies around them, and would like to share mine.

Despite getting some rather expensive tickets lately, I think that speed cameras are a good idea, but that they're not being used appropriately.

1. Our current vehicle violation fines are set with the assumption that people rarely get caught, so the penalty needs to be high enough to deter people from speeding even though the risk of being caught is low. That principle is no longer valid with speed cameras that catch 100% of violators. So, I believe that the fines could be much lower (\$1-\$2 per km) and still deter people from speeding. To make matters even worse, the fines are doubled in community safety zones where these cameras are placed even though the violation may be occurring way outside of school hours.
2. Most people normally drive at 5-10 km/hr above the speed limit because it would be rare for a police officer to stop someone going at that speed or less. I don't know the exact number but speed cameras enforce a speed closer to the actual limit because of the 100% chance of getting caught. That's okay but it should be recognized that adding speed cameras is essentially reducing the speed limit by 5-10 km/hr. The current discussion on further reducing the limit to 30 km/hr is just getting ridiculous. As you might guess, I already submitted my survey saying as much.
3. While I believe this is a York Region matter and out of your control, the speed camera on Yonge St. near Arnold is even more annoying than the others (and that's not where I got my tickets). Major streets should be 60 km/hr, possibly reduced to 50 km/hr in a few limited places. A speed-camera-enforced 40 km/hr limit is 15-20 km/hr too slow for a major street like Yonge.

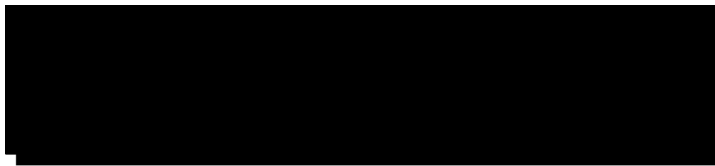
Thanks for listening,

[REDACTED]


From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Ward 5 Update
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:30:14 PM


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I have completed the hidden camera survey but I wanted to share with you how angry this has made me and a number of my neighbours because of the financial burden it's putting on people. Please don't think that we support road deaths or accidents because you and the city councillors are no more righteous than the people I know. I can promise you that we will vote against you and mayor and hopefully our voices will be heard.




On May 21, 2025, at 12:08 PM, Gila Martow - Ward 5 wrote:

May 21st, 2025 



WARD 5 UPDATE



Councillor Martow continues to share her concerns regarding the city and region's Speed Enforcement Camera policies. Please participate in the survey below on potential changes to speed limits in Community Safety Zones:

- Complete an **online survey** by Tuesday, Aug. 5 to provide feedback on speeding, traffic and safety measures in Community Safety Zones.
- Attend an in-person pop-up event or a virtual information session. Visit the **project webpage** for opportunities to hear from the project team and ask questions.

To learn more, visit vaughan.ca/30km.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Mario Ferri](#); [Linda Jackson](#); Council@vaughan.ca; mayor@vaughan.ca; [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed cameras and Speed limits
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 8:34:49 AM

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Dear Mayor Delduca and distinguished council members, I want to share with you the discussions that are appearing on about four of my chat groups. We are all angered by these speed cameras that are targeting people who just cannot afford these penalty tickets and are outraged at all of you for this punishment. Please dont respond with moral outrage at our lack of sensitivity since I can assure you that the bulk of people I speak to are more righteous than all of city council combined. Both the speed cameras and lower speeds are targetting your constituents unfairly. If you recall Ralph Nader in his book Unsafe at any speed was discussing his friend who was killed in a 20mph crash. Any pedestrian hit by a car at 10, 20 ,40 or 50 is going to die if not from the hit then from the secondary damage of the pavement. Unless you want to eliminate all cars the city just needs to focus a consistent messaging program on better driving skills and pedestrian awareness [rather than walking across streets distracted by thier cell phone conversations]. Im sure you are all aware of the outrage worldwide against politicians and how sensitive everyone is to being abused so I hope this message is clear to you all from your constiutents that this has to stop NOW and a common sense agenda needs to be established .Thank you

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Thank you
With Regards,

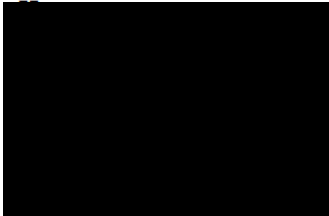
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From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed cameras and survey
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:20:38 PM

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BH

Your cash grab is not appreciated. nothing about safety, just abuse of power and cash grab.
Your survey is misleading and insulting intelligence.
Please stop this insanity



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed cameras
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:33:54 AM

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B"H

Hello,

I'm writing to express my deep frustration with the recent decision of your Vaughan government to install speed cameras across the city. This is a blatant cash grab that creates a nuisance for everyone just to combat bad behavior from a select few. To make matters worse, I hear you are also considering to lower the speed limit to 30 km an hour. I strongly urge you to reconsider, because as things are now I plan to advocate to my community not to reelect your government.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speeding cameras
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 11:32:16 PM

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BH

With all the due respect, this nonsense with cameras is nothing but cash grab.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 7 seconds)
Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 10:23:15 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

My name is [REDACTED]. I live at [REDACTED] in Thornhill. I've been a resident here for almost 40 years and I'd like to have a conversation with Gila. Gila, I've spoken with you before. If you're taking your own messages, I do want to have a conversation on an e-mail, not a delegate, about the speeding enforcement. And my wife took five speeding tickets and there are modest offences over a period of three days without knowing she was speeding. And I wanted to know what your voting position was on this matter and I would appreciate a call back just to understand the rationale and how that this type of enforcement improves safety for and good behavior. So I would like to have that conversation and I'd appreciate it not to be delegated. Thank you. [REDACTED] Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 45 seconds)
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:56:10 AM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi, Gila, My name is [REDACTED]. I'm a resident in Vaughan. I live at [REDACTED] In a condo and I'm calling regarding and you probably heard from many people already, but tickets I'm receiving in the mail that are issued when they claim this seating They have the cameras showing me my picture on Young St. South of a young St. southbound South of Arnold. And one of my complaints is that I received only receive it a month later. So if it's something that I speeded somewhere, I speeded over the limit according to the picture, I would see the months later. So far we received two. The first one we paid, and now I see there's a pattern. And to many of people they've been getting issued these tickets. You know, it's like, no. But what I wanted to say is we're out of the country for six months. We live in Israel, and we came back and we didn't know anything about this. I know it says new speeding or new enforcement, new speed limit, and I'd like to know what to do about this. We can try to appeal it, but it's I don't know how far we're going to get with that and we want let's like to what you can tell me about that and how to proceed. So my phone number [REDACTED] 00. Thank you so much and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (18 seconds)
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:12:55 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Please call [REDACTED] regarding concerns of the automated speed enforcement system that's been put in place on New Westminster. I'm a resident [REDACTED]. Please call me.
Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (46 seconds)
Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 2:01:45 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

It's [REDACTED] calling. I received the call yesterday from Vaughan City Council and I have no idea. There's no message left so I don't know if it was you who phoned me and I think it's I dealt with Eden so it's so cough. Shop [REDACTED] with regards to violation penalty speeding on April 28th and I'm asking for the second [REDACTED] e me a call back if that was you. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated speed camera at new Westminster and Brown ridge
Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 11:16:28 AM

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Hi Gila,

I am a resident of your ward.

I am writing to express my extreme annoyance with the speed cameras installed, specifically at new Westminster South of Brown ridge.

This isn't a residential neighborhood and even if you want to make this argument I was charged outside of school hours of going over 40km/hr and received a 120\$ fine. This is disproportionate and an obvious cash grab. I am appealing for the camera to be removed or at least increase the speed limit. I know of at least 4 other folks who have expressed the same thing.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement - Hilda Ave.
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:38:20 AM

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Hi Gila,

I hope you are doing well. I don't normally complain to my city councillor, but I'm really upset.

I live [REDACTED] in Ward 5. I received 5 tickets on Hilda Ave (between Clark and Jonathan Gate) over a 1 week period in May.

Although I was going faster than the speed limit, doing 50-55 km/h in a 40 (which was reduced from 50km), I don't agree that I need to receive 5 tickets to get the message.

I would have been happy to learn my lesson with 1.

I have a few suggestions:

- post the school times when speed limits must be strictly observed
- enforce the speed limits during those school times (not at night or weekends, when I got ticketed)
- if speed is a real problem, install speed bumps or reduce the lanes

Can you let me know what actions will be taken to more effectively manage speed and actions as opposed just issuing citations?

Many thanks for your help looking into this.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Council@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Cash-Grab!
Date: Thursday, June 05, 2025 5:46:45 PM

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Dear Council members:

Your Automated Speed Enforcement cameras are nothing but a CASH GRAB and they do nothing to make the roads safer.

I received a Penalty Order today indicating that a vehicle registered to me was driving at 51 km/h on Hilda Ave. northbound, north of Jonathan Gt., where the posted speed limit is 40 km/h.

The city reduced the speed from 50 to 40 on Hilda, and placed a camera right in this newly speed-reduced section, a place where I would only have been going 1 km/h over the speed limit before it was reduced.

It's outrageous for me to have to pay \$78.25 exceeding the speed by so little.

This includes a "Victim Fine Surcharge" of \$15.00 — there is no victim here, other than me!

It also includes a "Licence Plate Search Fee" of \$8.75 — I have to pay you to search for my license plate in order for you to take money from me???

I'm surprised there is no GST charged... oh, but Vaughan doesn't get the GST, that goes to the federal government, so it's not worth it for you to tack that on too.

My brake lights are on — I am clearly braking.

A car is passing me — how do I know that the camera recorded my speed and not that vehicle's speed?

I end up constantly looking at my speedometer when I'm driving in Vaughan, rather than looking at the road. That is unsafe!

And the constantly changing speed limits on a single stretch of road are annoying — Clark Ave. West between Dufferin and Bathurst goes from 50 to 40 to 50 to 40 over the course of 2 km. If a truck is in the right lane and blocks my view a speed limit sign that says "40 begins," I can end up getting dinged by a speed camera without even knowing that the speed has been reduced on a short part of a road that conveniently has a speed camera placed right after the speed is reduced.

So I have been driving at 38 km/h on cruise control throughout the city so I don't get fined for going 1 km/h over the speed limit if the limit is suddenly reduced and a speed camera placed. That doesn't make the car behind me happy on 50 or 60 km/h sections of roadway.

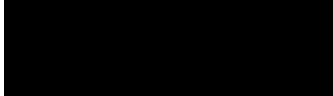
If you reduce the speed limits in Community Safety Zones to 30 km/h as is currently being proposed, I can't imagine how frustrated drivers will be. Have you tried driving 40 km/h on Clark from Dufferin to Bathurst when there is no traffic? It feels incredibly slow! . Clark is a major arterial road; it is a wide street engineered for 50 or 60 km/h, with wide grass boulevards separating the street from the sidewalk — pedestrians are far from the roadway. This is not about safety; unnaturally low speed limits and speed cameras placed right after the speed limit is reduced have no effect on safety, contrary to the skewed online public engagement vaughan.ca/30km survey. According to the information presented in this survey, it would be even safer to reduce speeds to 20 km/h, and even safer at 10 km/h. Should we revert to riding horses or walking rather than driving so that there will be no car accidents?

I am boiling mad at the City's attempt at a cash grab. The city is supposed to serve residents, not gratuitously pick our pockets.

Every member of my community who I have talked to is incensed with these speed cameras. We are fed up with the over-regulation in Vaughan, and we feel we have no recourse.

Please get rid of these useless speed cameras.

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
To: Council@vaughan.ca; mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Automated Speed Enforcement Issues
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:12:19 AM

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Hi there,

I attended the annual SFRA (SpringFarm Ratepayers Association) meeting this past May 13th, and the issue that brought out the most contention and frustration by residents were the automated speed enforcement cameras.

While we all understand how in school zones the kids need to be protected, the way they are being implemented and administered was the issue that brought out the most emotion by residents.

From a personal front, I can attest that I myself was ticketed last Friday, May 21st at 6:48 p.m., driving northbound on Hilda north of Jonathan Gate for going 52 km's in a 40 km per hour zone. You have no idea how careful I am driving knowing these cameras are omnipresent, and even then, going the speed of traffic and letting my guard down for a second caught me for a minor infringement.

Let me summarize based on the meeting my own concerns and those of others that were voiced at the meeting:

- Speed limits keep getting lowered to the point where driving at it becomes unsafe driving it due to tailgating and cars swerving around you
- Some operate outside of school hours like the one that I got
- Feels like a cash grab when for very marginal speed infringements we are being ticketed for, like mine
- The proceeds apparently go back into the road safety and speed program, so in essence the money collected does not go back into lowering our taxes or paying for much needed services.
- Is there a proper accounting of who installs the cameras, administers it, and what % of the revenue generated goes to them and not back to the City of Vaughan

Bottom line we all felt this program is in immediate drastic need of alteration to operate in a fair manner to protect kids and also to the drivers. A direct consequence of this is that I will choose to drive on side streets to avoid the cameras, so do you think that the local residents on those streets will prefer having me there, where kids

are often playing in front of their houses and/or on the street itself?

While we would prefer it is removed permanently and manned police officers were the ones giving out tickets with real consequences like demerit points, that ship seems to have sailed, so at minimum please modify it to reflect reality and not the cash grab it is now.

Best Regards,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Camera on new Westminster
Date: Wednesday, June 04, 2025 6:15:20 PM

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I just wanted to express my disappointment at the camera on new Westminster.

I am a safe driver and have never gotten a speeding ticket in my life. But now I got two there in the span of a week.

It seems like almost everyone in my family and friendship circle has received at least one ticket.

I understand that technically I was speeding and paid the bill. However, this really just feels like a money grab.

As a citizen, I would like to know what percentage of drivers on that street recieved a ticket when there is no traffic slowing them down. I imagine the answer is at least 20 percent. If that is the case, then maybe the limit is artificially low and needs to be increased.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: Council@vaughan.ca; mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] My thoughts on speed cameras
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:57:22 AM

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Dear Vaughan and York Region Council Members,

I am writing to express my thoughts on the recently installed speed enforcement cameras. A similar note was sent earlier to my councillor Gila Martow but has been slightly amended based on my viewing of the April 23 council meeting discussion of her amendment proposal.

Despite getting some rather expensive tickets lately, I think that speed cameras are a good idea, but that they're not being used appropriately.

1. Our current vehicle violation fines are set with the assumption that people rarely get caught, so the penalty needs to be high enough to deter people from speeding even though the risk of being caught is low. That principle is no longer valid with speed cameras that catch 100% of violators. So, I believe that the fines could be much lower (\$1-\$2 per km) and still deter people from speeding. To make matters even worse, the fines are doubled in community safety zones where these cameras are placed even though the violation may be occurring way outside of school hours. It's not surprising that most people I talk to about this call it a "cash grab".
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4. I received two rather expensive tickets on the same day for offenses that were two days apart so I got hit in exactly the same way that Ms. Martow's amendment was trying to address. I don't support the amendment as written because I think a 30-day immunity is too long but I do think that people need to be notified of these tickets as quickly as possible (using email as suggested by Ms. Martow) and that if people get multiple tickets before they know they have any, they should have to pay only the most expensive one.

By the way, I'm curious about what percentage of people get their fines cancelled or reduced by appealing. I tried appealing my more expensive ticket, giving several arguments to get the

fine reduced, and they were all rejected by the screening officer with one brief sentence. With the old manual system, it was common for police officers to reduce the stated speed on the ticket and I've heard that it was not uncommon for a judge to reduce the penalty for those who chose to attend court but it seems that's not the case here.

Thanks for listening,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Ward 5 Update
Date: Thursday, June 05, 2025 12:15:32 PM

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Hi Gila

Can you break down the distribution for every dollar collected for the vaughan cameras and the York region camera?

Eg Admin fees 90% york region 5% other5%

Was it our city council that approved the implementation of the cameras in Vaughan?

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: gila.martow@vaughan.ca

Sent: Thursday, June 5th 2025, 11:11

Subject: Ward 5 Update

June 5th, 2025



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] speed camera
Date: Friday, June 06, 2025 6:32:23 PM

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Dear Ms. Martow.

I was one of your constituents that received a notice from the Yonge St speed camera, not even knowing that there was one there, especially it being only 40 kilometres an hour. I did pay the fine, but I read that you will be suspending that camera for now. Would it be possible to get a refund on that? I did 53 on a 40, so the amount was \$88 plus change (steep victim charge - who actually gets that money?)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed Cameras in Vaughan
Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:21:33 PM

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Dear Ms Gila Martow

I am writing to express my thoughts on the recently installed speed enforcement cameras.

Despite getting some rather expensive tickets lately, I think that speed cameras are a good idea, but that they're not being used appropriately.

Our current vehicle violation fines are set with the assumption that people rarely get caught, so the penalty needs to be high enough to deter people from speeding even though the risk of being caught is low. That is no longer the case with speed cameras as they catch 100% of violators. So, I believe that the fines could be much lower (\$1-\$2 per km) and still deter people from speeding. To make matters even worse, the fines are doubled in community safety zones where these cameras are placed even though the violation may be occurring way outside of school hours. It's not surprising that most people I talk to about this call it a "cash grab".

Most people normally drive at 5-10 km/hr above the speed limit because it would be rare for a police officer to stop someone going at that speed or less. I don't know the exact number but speed cameras enforce a speed closer to the actual limit because of the 100% chance of getting caught. That's okay but it should be recognized that adding speed cameras is essentially reducing the speed limit by 5-10 km/hr. The current discussion on further reducing the limit to 30 km/hr is just getting ridiculous.

By the way, I'm curious about what percentage of people get their fines cancelled or reduced by appealing. I tried appealing my more expensive ticket, giving several arguments to get the fine reduced, and they were all rejected by the screening officer with one brief sentence. With the old manual system, it was common for police officers to reduce the stated speed on the ticket and I've heard that it was not uncommon for a judge to reduce the penalty for those who chose to attend court but it seems that's not the case here.

I agree wholeheartedly that speed control is essential. Speed bumps are very effective and have enough of them. Speed cameras in more sensitive zones are a good backup but having so many points to only one thing that is cash grabs. Since you are catching 100% of violators, the fines should be more reasonable.

Please look into and follow up. Thank you.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed enforcement cameras
Date: Friday, June 06, 2025 3:49:29 PM

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Hi Gila.

Before I forget, regards from [REDACTED]

I was glad to read your latest ward five update and in particular, the concerns that you and your colleagues on council share with regards to the implementation of the ASE cameras.

I was especially pleased to see council vote to pause the program until September for a plethora of very valid reasons.

My specific concern is if council agreed that there are a number of problems with the implementation of the program and that drivers should only be held accountable for one ticket and not multiple tickets, the question I have is why should there be a penalty imposed even for the first ticket? Either there is a problem with the implementation of the program or there isn't. If there is, then one should not be held accountable for that first ticket. Full disclosure I admit that my motive in writing is somewhat selfish in that I received that one ticket.

The motion you put forward was to eliminate multiple tickets. However, there was a disconnect in this regard as there were at least 5 reasons why the program had weaknesses in the way, in which it was introduced. That being the case, the vote should have been on a discussion of those weaknesses and the veracity of issuing ticket number one if those reasons were valid.

I look forward to your response.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 15 seconds)
Date: Monday, June 09, 2025 5:27:32 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi, good afternoon. The message for Gila. Hi, my name is [REDACTED]. I'm calling you regarding an article that you wrote, important update on speed enforcement cameras. Also regarding the camera that's singing everybody on New Westminster, could you please give me a call back? My number is [REDACTED]. We know each other from somewhere else as well, which I will explain to you when I speak with you. I'm available today and being Monday the 9th of June, I will only be available tomorrow after 2:00 PM. If you can call me. If you can't call me today, I understand. If you can call me tomorrow, Tuesday the 10th after 2:00 PM please, or during the week, OK? It's important that I speak with you and I'll just give you the details when I hear from you. Thank you very much. Again, my name is [REDACTED] and my phone number is [REDACTED]. Thank you. Bye bye.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (50 seconds)
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:04:56 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Hi there, it's [REDACTED]. I had originally spoken to Eden a few days back and regarding speeding tickets on Westminster, and I noticed some kind of message on Facebook that appears that people in this ward, at least there in Facebook, don't count on the pullback. I don't know, can't find it on the site so I can put something so I can test. If somebody can give me a call back I would appreciate it [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Autoated Speeding Tickets`
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:51:50 AM

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Hi Gila.

My name is [REDACTED] and i recently got dinged for a speeding ticket on New Wetminster Drive a couple weeks back on May 10/25. I was 14km over in front of the high school (on a SATURDAY when there was no school of course). One of the many farcical aspects of this camera entrapment campaign.

I was very glad to see so many of the Vaughan residents complain about this including from your email bulletin, yourself, and that this will be properly revisited. In the meantime, i have not yet paid my fine however it is truly unfair / totally random that as of June 4th, 'warnings' be sent out while I am stuck with a fine. I've spoken with the the City (hearing officer) and it fell on deaf ears (excuse the pun).

Is there any way you are able to please help get this fine expunged? As a law abiding long time COV tax paying resident, this seems so unjust in this instance.

Sincere thanks in advance for your assistance,

Best regards,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Inquiry Regarding Speed Camera Ticket Issued Prior to Mayor's Announcement
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 6:27:52 PM

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Dear Councillor,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm reaching out on behalf of my father [REDACTED] regarding a recent speed camera ticket he received. Please find the ticket enclosed for your reference.

He paid the fine the day before Mayor Steven Del Duca's announcement that speed camera tickets issued this summer would be forgiven. Given the timing, I wanted to inquire whether a refund might be issued in situations like this, where payment was made just prior to the announcement.

Any guidance you can offer on how to proceed would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Gino Rosati](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Marilyn Iafrate](#); [Adriano Volpentesta](#); [Rosanna DeFrancesca](#); [Chris Ainsworth](#); [Gila Martow](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Pausing the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program in Vaughan
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 11:54:03 AM

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Hello Mr. Del Duca and others, I'm writing to express my considerable disappointment in the decision to pause the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program in Vaughan.

It is ridiculous to me that the city would pause a program after MONTHS of warning to residents (including signs on the exact roads where the project was to be implemented), and with data in hand showing how effective the program has been to date (10 km/hr reduction in speeds on the roads where it was implemented).

It's even crazier to read sob stories from residents about being caught speeding. You (city council) felt bad because a senior had stopped going to bingo night because they kept getting caught by the speed cameras? Or said another way, you've decided that allowing a senior (with likely poor reaction times) to speed through school zones to get to bingo is more important than protecting other members of the public in those school zones? Am I understanding this correctly?

I live around the corner from the section of Melville Ave where the cameras were installed. While they were operational, cars were travelling through this area at much slower rates of speed. It was fantastic! Prior to the program, I used to witness cars speeding through this area, often ignoring the (red) stop light at the crosswalk across from West Maple Creek Park.

Anyway, do whatever education you want between now and September, but I hope you all regain your courage to protect vulnerable members of our community after that, and reinstate this program.

And FYI, I was ticketed during that 3 week stretch - we were driving to a dinner for one of my kids' birthdays. But I accepted it, paid my ticket, and started driving slower on that stretch of road, just like everyone else who is complaining about it should have done.

I'd like to think you're all thinking of Vaughan as a community people want to spend time in, not as a place people speed through to get somewhere else. Our common goal should be ensuring everyone is safe to enjoy our city. It seems these Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras were doing their job well. It'd be a shame if you all buckled under political pressure to appease reckless drivers, at the expense of our children.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: bylaw.licensing
Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca; [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Option 2 - Appeal
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 6:18:00 PM

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As owner of a vehicle with licence [REDACTED] I am appealing the Automated Speed Enforcement [REDACTED] based on the fact that the City of Vaughan is suspending the program until September 2025. (see CTV and Global news).

Mayor Steven Del Duca and Council have agreed to go back to the drawing board. "The city is now considering changes such as improved signage, pavement markings, speed cushions, flex posts, limiting ticket frequency, and potentially restricting the cameras to school hours". (see <https://www.ctvnews.ca/toronto/local/york/article/vaughan-hits-pause-on-speed-camera-program-citing-rollout-concerns-from-residents/>).

The Mayor and Council are to be applauded for transparency regarding rollout of cameras and posting a youtube video explaining next steps.

Since the Council of the City of Vaughan is questioning how the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program was implemented and suspending all fines until a report is presented by staff, with "better plans" and "getting it right", I appeal the Penalty Order.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Gino Rosati](#); [Steven Del Duca](#); [Mario Ferri](#); [Linda Jackson](#); [Mario G. Racco](#); [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Yonge St. Community Safety Zone [REDACTED]
Date: Monday, June 23, 2025 4:24:32 PM

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Good afternoon Mr. Kuzmyk,

Thank you for your email response. However, after reading through your response I find a number of points problematic.

The most problematic point is likely the fact that, as of June 4th the city of Vaughan decided to halt the automated speed enforcement (ASE) program. According to the city, the reasoning is based on the initial program having *'not been implemented properly.'* The Mayor due to this, promised clearer signage, new pavement markings, and other improvements.

The mayor called the pause a chance to "get it right." He said the city is "committed to safety," but also wants the program to be "fair to everyone." https://www.yorkregion.com/news/vaughan-hits-the-brakes-on-speed-camera-fines-after-32-000-tickets-issued-in-just/article_a1775885-81f0-5be7-97b6-8f9179854ddc.html.

Ironically, the main argument I provided at the time of my hearing is exactly the same point the Mayor gave as the reason for halting the ASE program - a need to improve the existing signage, so that it is fair to everyone. On what basis then can the City reasonably insist on the collection of fines for a program that prior to its halting on June 4th was said to be 'unfair' and not 'implemented properly'?! Such a position would be grossly contradictory and unfair to those who received tickets at that time.

As it relates the Hearing Officer, you wrote that 'A Hearing Officer's role is to determine whether the decision of the Screening Officer was reasonable'. I believed my arguments at the time were reasonable and should have been given consideration. You wrote further, that it would not be appropriate, nor do Screening and Hearing Officers have legal jurisdiction to consider how other jurisdictions mark particular Community Safety Zones. However, if it is a fact that a significant proportion of Vaughan residents use the neighboring City Toronto roads, where signage is significantly more visible than in Vaughan and compliant with Provincial laws it would be negligent for the Screening and Hearing Officers to not consider this point and for the City itself to have not considered implementing consistency with the adjacent city of Toronto given the use of both city's roads by residents on a daily basis.

Given the above reasons, I respectfully request that the given fine be cancelled.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

On Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 09:14:46 a.m. EDT, Kuzmyk, Dan wrote:

Good morning, [REDACTED]

Your May 8, 2025 email below sharing your concerns regarding York Region's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program and the associated appeal process was directed to me for reply. We appreciate your engagement and the opportunity to provide clarification on the matters you've raised. Responses to each of your enquiries are set out below.

Can York Region “cancel” your ticket?

Neither York Region staff nor Regional Council have jurisdiction or legal authority to “cancel” tickets where the facts supporting the penalty order are supported by evidence following review by a Hearing Officer and subsequently confirmed by an Appeal Officer. Pursuant to the *Highway Traffic Act* and associated regulations, Hearing Officers and Appeal Officers are required to exercise independent decision-making authority.

What qualifications and training are required for Screening and Hearing Officers?

Screening Officers are employees of York Region who are required to meet the minimum qualifications as outlined by York Region hiring policies and York Region's Hearing and Screening Officer Bylaw. Screening Officer qualifications and requirements are as follows:

- Successful completion of a College Diploma in Paralegal Studies, Paralegal Court and Tribunal Agent Program, Law Clerk or a related discipline or approved equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum three (3) years demonstrated experience in interpreting and applying legislation, bylaws, policies, regulations and/or Administrative Penalty System processes and procedures.
- Satisfactory Police Criminal Background Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge of a broad range of applicable legislation, bylaws, and adjudicative procedures as they relate to administrative penalties.
- Demonstrated ability in the Region's corporate core competencies.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills including the ability to listen effectively, summarize information, and provide clear and concise written decisions.
- Demonstrated skills in providing excellent customer service including the ability to diffuse difficult situations while maintaining professionalism, diplomacy and tact with members of the public.
- Strong organizational and time management skills with the ability to work independently while managing a large caseload and adhering to a set schedule.
- Strong ability to develop relationships and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment, where diversity is celebrated and where everyone can develop to their full potential.
- Advanced skills in virtual platforms and use of virtual platforms for conducting meetings . Intermediate skills in MS Office Suite.
- Ability to work outside regular business hours, as required

Hearing Officers are independent contractors recruited through a public appointment process, where candidates are interviewed and selected for consideration by the Regional Solicitor and General Counsel and subsequently recommended to Regional Council, in accordance with York Region's Hearing and Screening Officer Bylaw. All individuals appointed by Regional Council as Hearing Officers have significant adjudicative expertise; qualifications and requirements for appointment are as follows:

- Be of good character
- Ability to act impartially and maintain impartiality
- Formal post-secondary education in Law Enforcement, Regulatory Law, Public Administration, Paralegal or related field and/or have an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in adjudicative processes, including hearings for administrative tribunals
- Knowledge of and experience in the practice of administrative law, alternative dispute resolution, mediation, adjudication and decision-making
- Knowledge of, and experience in, interpreting and applying legislation, including municipal bylaws, the Highway Traffic Act, and the Municipal Act, 2001
- Demonstrated respect for diversity and inclusivity in maintaining a fair and transparent process for all persons
- Excellent communication skills (verbal, written, and presentation), with the ability to formulate reasoned decisions and communicate them clearly and effectively
- Highly effective leadership, facilitation, and organizational abilities
- Ability to deal courteously and effectively with staff, stakeholders, consultants, and the public
- Good organizational, time management and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of and experience in the use of technology in the performance of work duties, including virtual conferencing technology
- Demonstrated knowledge in the use of computer software including Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word and Teams)
- Committed to ongoing professional development to enhance expertise and remain current in the field
- Satisfactory Police background check

Additionally, all Screening and Hearing Officers receive mandatory training appropriate to their respective roles to confirm their understanding of the legislative framework, procedural fairness and their responsibilities under York Region Bylaw 2024-38 and the *Highway Traffic Act* and associated regulations.

Appeals process

York Region's Administrative Penalty appeal process is designed to be accessible and transparent, in accordance with Provincial regulations. Upon receiving a penalty notice, individuals have two options:

1. Pay the penalty; or
2. Dispute the penalty by requesting a screening review.

A screening Officer's role is to determine whether it was reasonable for the Automated Enforcement Officer to impose the penalty order based on the evidence provided. A Hearing Officer's role is to determine whether the decision of the Screening Officer was

reasonable. Subsection 14(3) of Ontario Regulation 355/22 stipulates that the decision of a Hearing Officer is final; accordingly, as noted above, the Region does not have jurisdiction or authority to review Hearing Officer decisions. This is consistent with the administrative penalty framework used by municipalities across Ontario.

Concerns Regarding the System's Intent and Fairness

The primary goal of the automated speed enforcement program is to enhance road safety, particularly in Community Safety Zones where vulnerable road users, such as students, are present. The program is not intended to be punitive (noting below the significantly reduced penalties for ASE infractions as opposed to *Highway Traffic Act* speeding infractions at the same speed) but rather to encourage and reinforce compliance with speed limits to reduce the risk and severity of collisions—particularly between vehicles and pedestrians. York Region's program is implemented strictly in accordance with all applicable Provincial regulations to ensure consistency and compliance across the Region.

The existing 50 km/h speed limit has been in place in this location since 1996. In 2012, Yonge Street between Centre Street and Clark Avenue was designated as a Community Safety Zone and a 10 kilometre per hour school speed reduction was subsequently implemented in 2021 to further enhance safety. Since ASE was introduced at this location, average vehicle speed has decreased by 14 kilometres per hour and speed limit compliance has increased by 21%. These are significant and encouraging results; a 14 kilometre per hour speed reduction reduces the risk of severe injury by nearly 30%.

While we understand your comparison to other areas such as Lawrence Avenue west of Allen Road in the City of Toronto, the Region's ASE signs and implementation align with Provincial legislation to ensure uniformity and legal compliance across all York Region school and community safety zones. It would not be appropriate, nor do Screening and Hearing Officers have legal jurisdiction to consider how other jurisdictions mark particular Community Safety Zones which, among other considerations, may have different physical environments or other characteristics which may call for enhanced signage and lighting. Having said that, as the end goal is to reduce speed and reduce pedestrian/vehicle collisions in Community Safety Zones, your comments are well-taken. The Region and every other road authority in Ontario should always be striving to improve compliance and user-experience, taking public feedback into account. We also understand that the Province is considering further regulation to enhance ASE signage visibility and we will closely monitor and apply any changes that may be directed.

Quantum and Proportionality: How is the amount of the Penalty Order determined?

The amount of the \$477 penalty order you received for exceeding the posted speed limit by 32 kilometres per hour in a Community Safety Zone is prescribed by the Province through *Highway Traffic Act*, Ontario Regulation 355/22. As indicated above, we also note that automated speed enforcement penalty order amounts are significantly lower than fines that would be applicable to a speeding charge and conviction resulting from charges laid by police officers—and also do not result in demerit points or impact the driver or owner's auto insurance. In comparison, had a police officer using a roadside radar detector issued a *Highway Traffic Act* ticket to a driver traveling at 72 km/hr in a 40 km/hr zone, the fine and related costs upon conviction would have been \$548 along with 4 demerit points and potential insurance implications.

Thank you for your feedback and questions. I know that the end result is ultimately not what

you were looking for, but I do appreciate your engagement and the reasoned and respectful way in which you raised your concerns.

Best regards,

Dan Kuzmyk (he/him) | **Regional Solicitor & General Counsel**

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:38 PM
To: Gino Rosati <gino.rosati@vaughan.ca>; mayor@vaughan.ca; Mario Ferri <mario.ferri@vaughan.ca>; Linda Jackson <linda.jackson@vaughan.ca>; RC, Mario G. Racco - Vaughan <mariog.racco@vaughan.ca>
Cc: gila.martow@vaughan.ca; Transportation <transportation@york.ca>
Subject: Yonge St. Community Safety Zone - [REDACTED]

I am emailing you in regard to the recent photo radar ticket received [REDACTED] and the attached administrative penalty of \$477.25. Upon receiving the ticket, I requested a screening and upon denial an appeal, thereafter. I have several questions and concerns regarding the screening, the appeal and how my valid points were insufficiently addressed.

1. What are the qualifications and training required for a screening and appeal officer?
2. In my original screening, the officer rendered her decision by email - neither cancelling nor reducing the amount payable. But moreover her written decision did not address any points I had brought up during the screening. That is odd. And therefore requested an appeal for that reason
3. The appeal officer was diligent in referencing all of my points in his email decision and referred to one of my points as 'valid' - but surprisingly gave no actual weight to this in his decision by neither cancelling or reducing the penalty payable.

I will include both email decisions here.

However, in summary the photo radar on Yonge is problematic for numerous reasons below. This affects all York Region residents.

1. Signage is not visible enough and consistent with other regional road signage found around the city. One example is Lawrence Ave. West of the Allen Road. It is a community school zone and present are flashing lights, a digital radar display and the black and white community safety zone signs. The area on Yonge St, has only the black and white signage. If the goal of the community safety zone were to increase safety and reduce accidents why wouldn't York Region resist investing with visible

and clear signage?

2. But after the fact, why would York Region not even give consideration to this point in rendering their decision? Does not acknowledging this point, in fact, serve to preclude reasonable and needed changes that would effectively make all residents more aware of the community zone? If the goal is safety, why would the Region have any issue with investing and listening to its residents but rather affirm their decision by citing their adherence Province's minimum standards?
3. Regarding fairness and proportionality. If the community safety zone at 40 km/hr is a new change to the existing regulations of 60 km/hr that have existed for years, would it not be fair or reasonable to allow grace for a first-time offense, especially after making a formal appeal? Is the set penalty amount of \$477.25 proportional? How is the set amount decided?

Every resident wants to live within a safe and fair community. What I, along with many other residents have experienced with the changes enacted by the region fail to adequately address changes that would improve safety for all, fairly and equitably.

I am respectfully requesting the ticket in question be cancelled for the reasons stated above.

Thank you,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed cameras
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:44:29 AM

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Hi Gila

I am pleased to see that there was a recognition of the poorly implemented, though well intentioned speed cameras.

I will not bore you with all the details of my circumstances given this recognition.

My problem is that I am not allowed to appeal because of some "deemed" 30 day window.

It seems that citizens are being denied proper due process.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Bell Samsung device over Canada's largest network.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed limits
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 5:42:20 PM

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Dear Gila Martow

As perhaps you already know the frustration of people living in Thornhill area, those misleading speed signs will cause more accidents and drivers will end up getting fines again and again

Pl look into it

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: Council@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Speeding Camera Ticket
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:22:53 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing about the recent speeding cameras in Thornhill. I received two ticket - one May 1 and May 2. I paid the tickets when I got them in the mail but this is really not fair as now the tickets are being paused for the time being. Since this is the case I must get the money back I paid. These signs are not easy to see, they need to be big with flashing lights and yellow so people can see them. I always believed the speeding limit in the places I was driving was 50km as that is the flow of traffic. I firmly believe this is injustice and everyone who got a ticket should get their money back. I am so concerned with the speed limit that I feel unsafe on the road. The city should be focused on fining people with road rage and reckless driving rather than this.

Please can you help me and refund me my money.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Thank Heavens you are introducing rationality to the Cash Grab of the Speed Cameras.
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 9:48:05 PM

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Vaughan's pause of Speeding Tickets and refund request
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 10:27:31 AM

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Hi Gila,

I read that Vaughan is pausing its speeding camera initiative.

We received 2 fines last month. I requested a review via the dispute option, but it was rejected.

I paid both fines, but in view of the City's admission to the obvious faults of the program, I would like to have your assistance in receiving a refund for the fines already paid.

I trust you will kindly look into this matter thoroughly.

Thanking you, in advance, for your assistance.

[REDACTED]

June 25, 2025

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan,
Ontario L6A 1T1
Attention: Gila Martow

Re: Penalty levied for exceeding the speed limit northbound on Hilda Avenue when approaching Clark Avenue – May 24, 2025.

I have been living in Thornhill near the Spring Farm Plaza for 35 years. Over this time period I have probably travelled both North and South on Hilda Avenue on average about once a month, which over the time period makes it about 900 times. The limit was I believe 50Km/h for decades and drivers like me were always aware of the fact that on school days it is busy around the York Hill Public school, so they would drive more slowly and with extra care on this section of road, and often in compliance with the 40 km/h speed limit that was put in place in 2021.

As of Saturday May 24, 2025 however, and probably a month or so earlier speed cameras were erected to strictly enforce limits on a 24/7 basis. This new enforcement is excessive and unnecessary since there is no school activity at night or on weekends. In addition, the sign erected on the northbound section indicating a 40km/h limit is easily outside a driver's field of vision from the centre lane which drivers use regularly to ready themselves for the turn into Spring Farm Plaza or Clark Avenue West.

The new community safety zones are as of today, very visible but the speed limits in these zones can vary. This makes no sense. All of these zones should have one speed limit or be indicated with painted roadways and not just ever-changing speed limit signs. The current situation leaves drivers constantly on the lookout for what speed to drive at in each zone, with the added fear that even driving at 1Km/h over the limit may result in a fine.

If the intention was to improve safety, the City has clearly missed the mark. Drivers may drive more slowly but they will be more fixated on their speed dials

and looking out for speed limit signs than looking out for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles; rather than improving safety, this may have the effect of reducing safety in reducing driver attention and adding to driver frustration.

Finally, the surcharges levied on minor infractions are hardly appropriate. Drivers that are speeding by less than 5 km/h pose little added danger to other road users. There needs to be a little more discretion with respect to this added charge.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 3 seconds)
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 1:50:45 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

Gila, good afternoon. My name is [REDACTED] Phone number is [REDACTED] I have to tell you, we have a retired couple and we've been living at the intersection of Hilda and York here for the last 40 years. Now for the first time, this beautiful communicate this area, it's turning into sheer hell because of your camera so-called speeding ticket. I would like something to be done about it because it's causing there is no, absolutely no logic in what they're doing and it's I would like you to help us to, to make sense and to reverse it. Please call me. I'll be awaiting your phone call [REDACTED] Thank you and bye bye.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: mayor@vaughan.ca
Cc: Council@vaughan.ca; [Gila Martow](mailto:Gila.Martow); [Anna Venturo](mailto:Anna.Venturo); [Mario G. Racco](mailto:Mario.G.Racco); [Anthony Tersigni](mailto:Anthony.Tersigni)
Subject: [External] Are Automated Speed Enforcement Zones Dangerous? - Cash grab for the city?
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:53:55 PM
Attachments: [signature-1.png](#)
[bg_glasses.png](#)

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Hi Anna et al;

I appreciate your response to my concerns about the Automated Speed Zone enforcement project and am pleased to hear that it has currently been halted and is under review because of numerous concerns.

As I was one of the first people who received a ticket and have paid my fine, (I heard on the news that Vaughan clocked 32,000 infractions in its first month of the programme), I continue to be very concerned about this programme. I've been observing how although it may be intended to bring safety to communities, it is possible in fact that it is creating more dangerous driving conditions throughout both the city and the region.

What I see repeatedly are two opposite extremes of driving behaviour.

1. People are aware that there is a camera in the upcoming stretch of road and slow down through that stretch and then immediately speed up, perhaps to an even faster speed than if they just kept a reasonable and normal speed for the area.

2. People are now so fearful or paranoid of getting a ticket, that they are driving ridiculously slow *everywhere*, even when the speed limit is listed at 60 kmh.

Both of these scenarios are extremely dangerous and the most logical way to address this, is to keep lights synchronized so there is a traffic flow. Right now it seems one light turns green and even driving the speed limit to the next light, instead of it staying green and allowing traffic to flow, it turns red making traffic come to a stop and creating more pollution from idling cars.

People are not going to give up driving and it is impossible to legislate safety for everyone, so the more frustrated drivers become, the more dangerous they become, by either driving faster than they normally would, or driving much slower than the speed limit.

For me who is on the roads of the city every day, I trust your advisors are not just implementing suggestions based on 'theory' and statistics, but are on the streets, observing what is actually happening day to day and all hours of the day and night.

I look forward to the day when Vaughan and York Region have implemented a traffic flow system that keeps traffic moving.

I'm always happy to speak with anyone as well: 416-399-1448

Peace Always,



[REDACTED]



On May 12, 2025, at 3:33 PM, mayor@vaughan.ca wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]
Thank you for sharing the letter with the Mayor that includes all your comments and suggestions, they will be forwarded to our Mobility Management team.
Road safety continues to be a leading priority for the City of Vaughan – and we're taking many steps to reduce speeding in our community.
'Municipal Speed Camera Coming Soon' signage was installed in **October 2024** at 10 locations where mobile cameras went live on Wednesday, April 23. These locations were chosen using a data-driven approach to identify areas where speeding is of concern, prioritizing sites based on overall traffic volume, collision history and the presence of schools, parks, community centres, libraries, sidewalks and/or cycling facilities. The City has undertaken extensive efforts since October 2024 to notify residents about the Automated Speed Enforcement program.
Regarding the \$15 Victim Fine Surcharge, that is levied by the province on all provincial offence tickets whether issued by automated enforcement or not.
We appreciate you taking the time to write and share your thoughts.

Kind regards,

Anna Venturo
Executive Assistant to Mayor Del Duca
Tel: 905-832-8585, Ext. 8834 | anna.venturo@vaughan.ca
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2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 3:38 PM
To: mayor@vaughan.ca; Anna Venturo <Anna.Venturo@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Citizen feedback: Automated Speed Enforcement - Cash grab for the city?

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Dear Mayor Del Duca;

Please see the email below that I sent to my local MPP Gila Martow about the city's new automated speed enforcement initiative.

I look forward to your reply.

Peace Always,

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Automated Speed Enforcement - Cash grab for the city?
Date: May 9, 2025 at 2:38:53 PM EDT
To: Gila Martow <gila.martow@vaughan.ca>

Hi Gila;

As you know I live in a community safety zone [REDACTED] just south of Clark Avenue. The volume of traffic and the ongoing speeding cars who seem to disregard the 40 km

speed limit and the crossover has yet to result in anyone being ticketed for driving faster than the limit. Recently I was driving on New Westminister, a route I've been driving for years, and this week received a penalty order for an automated speed enforcement infraction. I now know this is something new the city has implemented and to be honest, it feels like a cash grab by the city. New Westminister is not a residential area, there is already both a crosswalk and a stop light at Brownridge into the promenade, so the short stretch from Clark Avenue to Brownridge seems like an unlikely place to put cameras to 'catch' drivers. I was apparently going 52 km an hour, which is barely 30 miles an hour. 40 km an hour is 24 miles an hour. This is a very slow speed to keep traffic moving in a non-residential area. Yes, I know there is a school on Clark Avenue. A flashing light as an additional warning or alert in these 'automated speed zones' would go a long way to educate drivers. What is most disconcerting is the \$15 Victim Fine Surcharge and an \$8.25 Licence Plate Search Fee. No idea what a Victim Fine Surcharge is, as it feels like drivers who are just attempting to get through the traffic chaos in our area, are actually the victims. It seems every area is now labeled a community safety zone and as a driver who has lived in this area since 1983, it feels like things are regressing when it comes to keeping traffic moving without construction slowing things down and now automated speed enforcement cameras. I have learned that a lot of people are calling the city and asking about this, as the education factor was non-existent, unless you happen to visit the city website. I knew nothing about this and have asked for a call for an appeal. I do hope you are aware of what seems like a cash grab for the city, as from a traffic flow and concern for the environment, this makes little sense. Keeping traffic moving is healthiest for the environment. I'll appreciate hearing your feedback.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Concern about double standard in automated speed cameras
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:22:58 PM

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Hi Gila,

Hope you're well.

My name is [REDACTED] and I live, work and commute in Vaughan.

I received a speeding ticket in Vaughan prior to June 4. I know tickets were paused after that date.

It seems a double standard is being created by not dismissing tickets which were issued before June 4.

In addition, the City had very poor signage in that area which did not adequately warn drivers about the camera.

I also saw the Premier is against the speeding cameras. Is there anything you could do to help me with this unfair situation?

Thanks so much,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Cc: mayor@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] extra fees on camera tickets
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:44:20 PM

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Dear Gila and Mayor of Vaughan,

I have already written once and am writing again. (no one responded to my first note, thank you).

I am one of the unfortunate souls who received a speed camera ticket just prior to you pausing the program.

I have already voiced my opinion regarding those who received a ticket prior to pausing the program, stating it was not right nor fair.

I just went online to pay my ticket, checked off the boxes, and then noticed ANOTHER FEE of \$2.00. Really?? Come on!! This is utterly ridiculous.

Licence plate search fee - \$8.25 !

Victim Fine Surcharge - \$15.00 !!

Now another \$2.00

This is truly pathetic. Canadians wonder why we are taxed to death and pay fees, fees and more fees. This is a prime example of how to rob Canadians of their hard earned money.

I accept the fact that I was driving more than 40 km but I find it much harder to accept the fact that Vaughan is charging all these fees. IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT !

Driving to City hall in Vaughan will cost me more in gas and time in order to avoid the \$2.00, so it's not worth it. And, what if I mail it and it doesn't reach you? Then there will be another penalty.

I'm just so sick and disgusted with these fees.

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted]
To: [Gila Martow; mayor@vaughan.ca](mailto:Gila.Martow; mayor@vaughan.ca)
Subject: [External] Fwd: Decision of screening officer penalty number [Redacted]
Date: Monday, July 14, 2025 9:45:56 PM

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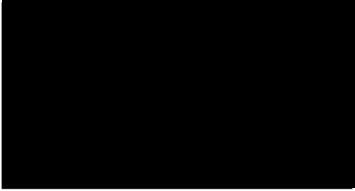
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From: [Redacted]
Date: Mon, Jul 14, 2025, 9:42 p.m.
Subject: Fwd: Decision of screening officer penalty number [Redacted]
To: <steven.delduca@vaughan.ca>, <gila.marlow@vaughan.ca>

Hello,
My name is [Redacted] and I live in ward 5. I received a speeding ticket from the speed camera on New Westminister on the day my father died. He was unresponsive and I was trying to get to Baycrest in time (I didn't). I asked that this be viewed as an extenuating circumstance and, as you can see in this email, the bylaw officer agreed with me. Unfortunately, the death of a parent only warranted a reduction of the fee and extra time to pay, rather than a withdrawal. I feel this shows a lack of compassion from the city. I'm hoping you will be able to reinstate that sense of community in this instance. Much appreciated.
Sincerely,
[Redacted]

----- Forwarded message -----
From: <Bylaw@vaughan.ca>
Date: Thu, Jul 3, 2025, 2:17 p.m.
Subject: Decision of screening officer penalty number [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]

Notice of Screening Decision

Pursuant to the City of Vaughan Administrative Penalties By-law



Penalty Order/Notice Number	Date of Contravention	Licence Plate No.	Contravention
[Redacted]	2025-05-12	[Redacted]	Speeding/HTA128
Screening Decision	Decision Date	Total Amount Due	Due Date
Varied	2025-07-03	(includes admin. fees) 63.25	2025-11-03
Reason(s) for Decision			

From: [REDACTED]
To: [York Region - Administrative Penalty Tribunal](#)
Cc: laura.smith@pc.ola.org; [Gila Martow](#); kirish@markham.ca
Subject: [External] Re: York Region Administrative Penalty Tribunal: Hearing Decision [REDACTED]
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 10:16:39 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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To whom it may concern,
I am a resident living in Thornhill for 15 years. I got a speed ticket in April, 2025. The below are the details of hearing review. I think the result of the review is unreasonable.
Could you please review the attached PDF and help me?

Thanks in advance,
[REDACTED]

On Monday, August 25, 2025 at 01:41:58 p.m. EDT, York Region - Administrative Penalty Tribunal wrote:

Penalty Order [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

A hearing review was conducted for the Penalty Order referenced above.

The result of the review is that the Penalty Order has been confirmed and therefore the Penalty Order has not been changed. The reason(s) are outlined below:

[REDACTED] the Appellant appeals the decision of the Screening Officer not to reduce or cancel a Penalty Order in the amount of \$88.25 issued against him for driving 53 km/h in a 40 km/h Community Safety Zone. At the AScreening review the Appellant raised several concerns regarding the Penalty Order which were addressed by the Screening Officer. In her decision the Screening Officer found: "During your virtual screening review, you shared your screen and presented several points in support of your appeal regarding the penalty order. I would like to address each of these points in turn: You presented a satellite view of the intersection at Yonge Street and Arnold Crescent, suggesting that trees obstructed the signage. While I understand your concern, please note that satellite imagery does not accurately represent a driver's perspective from the roadway. Additionally, no roadside photographs from the date of the contravention were provided to confirm that signage was indeed obstructed at that time. You referenced a map of Bayview Avenue, highlighting Blessed Trinity Catholic School and noting a 50 km/h speed limit in that area. However, the posted speed limits at other locations within the Region of York are not relevant to the assessment of this specific penalty order. You also shared an article regarding the City of Vaughan's decision to pause its Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program. Please be advised that the Region of York and the City of Vaughan operate separate ASE programs. Decisions made by the City of Vaughan do not influence or reflect the policies or operations of the Region of York. Lastly, you suggested that Yonge Street, being a major roadway, should reasonably be assumed to have a 50 km/h speed limit. While this may seem logical, drivers are required to comply with the posted speed limits at all times, regardless of assumptions based on road type or classification." At today's appeal the Appellant provided additional evidence and raised a separate concern, namely that: "On the

day the speed penalty was issued, there was only one speed camera sign, located right beside the speed camera, which was hard to see and gave no time to react. Currently, York Region has added two additional signs before and after the original speed camera sign. They have also added a new sign in the opposite direction." The Appellant shared several screenshots and videos setting out the signage. The photographs make it clear that the signage required by Regulation 398/19, Automated Speed Enforcement, made under the Highway Traffic Act is present. This is also confirmed in the certified statement of the Municipal Officer that issued the Penalty Order. If in fact it is the case that the Region of York has, subsequent to his infraction date, erected additional signage that in itself has no bearing on whether or not the speeding infraction occurred and all regulatory requirements have been met. I find that the Screening Officer made a thorough assessment of the evidence presented and that which has been filed and that her decision is reasonable.

You are required to pay the amount of \$88.25 by Wednesday, September 24, 2025. To make payment, you can use one of the following methods:

1. Pay online: <https://york.ca/PayMyPenalty>
2. Pay by telephone: 1-888-448-0000
3. Pay in person: 17150 Yonge Street, 2nd floor

Where an Administrative Penalty is not paid, notification may be made to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to deny renewal of your vehicle's license plate until the fee is paid. The MTO will add an additional \$20 administrative fee to each outstanding Penalty Order.

The decision is considered final, and no further appeals are available. If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please go to <https://york.ca/PayMyPenalty> or our customer service team is here to support you. Please feel free to reach out to a member of the team at apt@york.ca or 1-888-448-0000.

Sincerely,

Maureen Helt | APT Hearing Officer | 1-888-448-0000

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] ASE speeding tickets
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 5:57:45 PM

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Dear Gila,

Regarding ASE.

Unfortunately, we received a small number of these ASE tickets within a short period of time back in June.

I just received a postal letter reminding me to pay.

Back in June, attached, I read your posts about all the complaints about ASE being made and your reply to this frustrating situation.

Is there anything that I can do regarding these tickets?

Thank you
[REDACTED]

***Important update regarding Automated Speed Enforcement cameras in the City of Vaughan*.**

"Focusing on the fact that too many vehicles receive multiple tickets in the mail before they are even aware of the program, I proposed an amendment on April 23, 2025." - Ward 5 Councillor Gila Martow
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: [External] Speed camera ticket
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025 2:48:20 PM

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Hello Gila,

I hope you're doing well and enjoying the summer.

My name is [REDACTED] was wondering if I could speak to you about a speed camera ticket? I received one at the end of May and I know that they paused the camera mid June.

They are Quite hefty fines and I understand. I wrote in to fight the ticket and I called them last week and asked them what's going on with that and they told me that they sent me an email right after I asked to fight the ticket but I didn't see it so obviously it was a monthly past the 30 days so they send me an extension to have a screening only. I wrote to them that I really cannot afford these things right now. I lost my husband suddenly last year and I'm inundated with all the finances as I never did it before and I wondered if you could help me because I think the ticket is about \$88.

You let me know if there's anything you can do. My phone number is [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Gila Martow](#)
Subject: Voice Mail (1 minute and 27 seconds)
Date: Friday, August 1, 2025 12:03:58 PM
Attachments: [audio.mp3](#)

hi councillor martel my name is [REDACTED] i wanted to ask you or your offices a question umm i've recently received UH-5 speeding tickets uh or rather might have been a month or two ago uh i had applied for the tickets to be forgiven as there was an article i remember reading that many speeding uh speed cameras excuse me have been removed because there was an over well they were just taking so many people i want to get these tickets forgiven i'm not sure how it can go about that i certainly had applied for the proper channels the ticket provided to have them forgiven however they've been reinforced and reaffirmed i should say umm i think this is frankly just unfair considering that the specific camera that had taken to be all five times had been removed umm and again i'd like to reference the specific article forget exactly it might have been the thornal post but the specific article that said all these cameras have been taken down for an over ticketing problem my number is [REDACTED] if you can help point me in the correct direction to get this taken care of i'd be very grateful thank you so much

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