

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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Committee: Public Works

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Reason(s) for delegation request: In August/September of 2018, the traffic engineering department erected things known as “tiger tails” on the poles beneath the stop signs near my home. The tiger trails are “construction orange” and go from the bottom of the stop signs to the ground. They are extremely bright (brighter than most construction signs on out highways), and iridescent at night. I have noticed that these tiger tails are going up all over town. These particular tiger tails appear to be a result of the Crown Point traffic study (presented to the Public Works Committee on November 13, 2017). The Crown point study indicates only that the intersection of Balmoral/ Justine, “requires two-way stop,” which it already had. That same chart indicates that traffic engineering’s assessment is, “Good sightlines. No problem discovered.” Yet a work order was issued on June 1, 2018, for the tiger tails. My first concern was that my own green, leafy street was marred by the presence of these extremely

bright, ugly, tiger tails; however, I have now noticed them popping up across Hamilton. I have been in touch with London, Ottawa, and Toronto traffic engineering departments, and none of those cities use them. Apparently, Mississauga uses them, but they are half-size, striped red-and-white, not glow-in-the-dark construction orange. The question is: Exactly how ugly do we want Hamilton to get? I have tried to get some answers from traffic engineering about the “why?” Of tiger tails, but to no avail. I notice when the presentation was made on November 13, 2017, that traffic engineering was to take the information under advisement and report back to Public Works on the actions to be taken and the costs of doing so, yet I am unable to find any follow-up.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes