

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: February 13, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

Red Hill Valley Parkway Safety

WHEREAS in January 2013, Council directed staff to investigate lighting and improved signs/lane markings for the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) near Mud/Stone Church, and costing/alternatives for consideration;

WHEREAS, in April 2013, Golders & Associates was hired to complete a six-year condition assessment on the RHVP, a subsequent second phase of study was completed by Golder & Associated (Tradewind Scientific) which was primarily focused on friction testing;

WHEREAS, the report covering the first phase of work by Golders & Associates in April 2013 was not shared publicly or with Council at the time;

WHEREAS in November 2013 Council received information from staff regarding the 2013 safety audit from CIMA which made recommendations on changes to signage, pavement markings, installation of cat eyes and friction testing;

WHEREAS, in May 2015, Council received information from staff regarding the 2013 safety audit from CIMA and progress made on safety improvements, and directed staff to investigate additional safety measures for the RHVP and the Lincoln Alexander Parkway, (Linc), such as additional guardrails, lighting, lane markings or other means to help prevent further fatalities and serious injuries;

WHEREAS, in November 2015, Council directed staff to report on total costs and feasibility of expanding the Linc and RHVP to six lanes;

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Council received information from staff regarding the 2015 safety audit from CIMA which made recommendations on short, medium and long-term safety improvements for the Linc and RHVP, and Council directed staff to seek out provincial approval from the Ministry of Transportation to allow the City of Hamilton to implement photo radar on the Linc and RHVP, and to report back on the costs and processes of investigating an improved lighting system on the RHVP and Linc;

WHEREAS, in September 2016, Council received information related to lighting which recommended further investigation, and directed staff to undertake a lighting study on the RHVP;

WHEREAS, in October 2016, Council received information regarding the need to study options before expanding the RHVP and Linc, and the need for an environmental assessment and connection issues with the 403 and Queen Elizabeth way (QEW);

WHEREAS, in February 2017, Council directed staff to consult with Hamilton Police Services to bring forward an annual collision report summarizing collisions on Linc and RHVP, and requested an update on costs and implications of installing barriers;

WHEREAS, in August 2017, Council directed staff to undertake speed limit reduction feasibility study for both Linc and RHVP;

WHEREAS, in December 2017 Golders & Associates was hired to evaluate the surface skid resistance of the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the report was not shared publicly or with Council at the time;

WHEREAS, in January 2018, Council received an update on the 2015 safety audit from CIMA and directed staff to implement short and medium term collision counter measures, undertake a detailed annual collision analysis on both the Linc and RHVP, to request Hamilton Police Services to undertake regular speed and aggressive driving enforcement on the Linc and RHVP, to undertake an annual traffic count, to install median barriers as part of any future widening, and to report back with an update on overall operating conditions on the Linc and RHVP with a focus on Ministry of Transportation (MTO) activities for widening, truck activity, safety and information needed for widening;

WHEREAS, in July 2018, Golders & Associates was hired to complete an assessment of whether or not hot in place recycling can be used on the Red Hill Valley Parkway and the report was not shared publicly or with Council at the time;

WHEREAS, in October 2018, CIMA was hired to complete a roadside safety assessment on the RHVP to assess roadside safety infrastructure such as guiderails, shoulders, and speed enforcement areas and the report was not shared publicly or with Council at the time;

WHEREAS, in February 2019, CIMA was hired to complete a review of safety on the RHVP alongside the pavement friction testing results from the 2013 Tradewind Scientific Report, and this report was shared publicly; and

WHEREAS, staff have reported to Council that all actions items arising from the CIMA review of safety on the RHVP have been, or are in the process of being actioned.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the 2015 and subsequent 2018 safety analysis of the RHVP and Linc, by the external engineering firm CIMA, be made public;
- (b) That the City, in coordination with Hamilton Police Services, prepare a public education campaign that addresses the recommendations from the external expert engineers (CIMA) as it relates to the risks of speeding in excess of posted limits and distracted driving on the RHVP and Linc;
- (c) That City staff report back to Council on the feasibility of requesting that the Provincial Auditor General undertake an independent investigation of issues surrounding the reporting of friction on the Red Hill Valley Parkway.