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Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Chair – Hamilton Police Services Board
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Mayor Eisenberger:

In response to Council's follow-up Notice dated February 18, 2020 (attached), and the request from the Board on March 12, 2020 for a response, I provide the following for the Board's consideration, which could then be forwarded to Council.

Relative to Item 5 of the Public Works Committee Report 20-002 which reads as follows: *City of Hamilton Vision Zero Action Plan 2019 -2025 Update (PW19015(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)*

(a) That the Hamilton Police Services Board be requested to review the feasibility of implementing a dedicated City-wide Traffic Enforcement Unit;

The Board approved the addition of eight (8) front-line officers dedicated to City-wide traffic safety enforcement. The Board also requested that metrics be provided to determine the efficacy of this unit. The primary duties of these officers include enforcement of all Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Offences, particularly focused on speeding, distracted driving, moving violations, equipment violations and any other priorities related to traffic safety. Also included in this enforcement of traffic safety are measures to reduce or intervene with regard to Impaired Driving by both alcohol and drug consumption. In addition, they will investigate personal injury traffic accidents. Once the metrics are gathered and analyzed, further recommendations will be provided. This could include the potential to expand this unit, keeping in mind the Vision Zero Action Plan which recommends enforcement as one of the key strategies, in addition to the other two strategies of education and prevention as part of the entire strategy for traffic safety.

(b) That the Hamilton Police Services Board, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board be requested to review the feasibility of implementing school bus enforcement cameras.

While the Hamilton Police Service is not in a position to implement such changes directly, the Hamilton Police Service supports the installation of school bus enforcement cameras to assist in the prosecution of persons who commit HTA offences relative to school buses. The Service also supports legislative changes that allow for violations to be processed similar to the legislation governing red-light camera enforcement.

I would ask that the Hamilton Police Services Board endorse this correspondence and forward it to the City Clerk for distribution to City Council.

Sincerely,



Eric Girt
Chief of Police