

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee: April 22, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

Joint Action by City of Hamilton and Hamilton Police Service to Improve Pedestrian Safety (City Wide)

WHEREAS, in 2019 Hamilton City Council approved the City of Hamilton Vision Zero Action Plan 2019-2025 which identifies that fatalities and serious injuries on our roads are preventable and that no loss of life is acceptable;

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan 2019-2025 recognizes that using a safe systems approach that focuses on safe drivers, safe speeds, safe roads and safe vehicles is fundamental to achieving the plan’s goals;

WHEREAS, a key component to the Vision Zero Action Plan 2019-2025 is the City of Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee whose mandate is to guide the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan and is comprised of members from the Public Works Department, Planning and Economic Development Department, Hamilton Police Services, Hamilton Fire Department, Public Health, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board;

WHEREAS, in 2020 Hamilton City Council approved funding to create eight dedicated traffic enforcement officers within Hamilton Police Services;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Hamilton Police Service launched a 20-member centralized traffic enforcement unit to respond to traffic-related issues in the City with a strategic City-wide approach with the goal of reducing collision, injuries and deaths for all roadway users;

WHEREAS, roadway safety efforts have resulted in a steady year over year decline in the total number of people being injured on City of Hamilton roadways since 2016; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding roadway safety and Vision Zero initiatives, the annual total number of fatal collisions has not trended downwards and there have been eight pedestrian deaths in 2022 as of April.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division, through their facilitation of the City of Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee, identify opportunities for enhancements to the collaboration of efforts specifically related to roadway safety improvements and traffic enforcement by leveraging annual collision statistics and Hamilton Police Services collision reconstruction investigation forensics;
- (b) That the Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division, through their facilitation of the City of Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Committee, isolate specific dangers to vulnerable road user safety (pedestrians and cyclists) and determine joint efforts that can be undertaken for both traffic enforcement and preventative measures delivered through infrastructure improvements; and
- (c) That the Transportation Operations & Maintenance Division report back to the Public Works Committee regarding any roadway safety improvements and traffic enforcement enhancements or opportunities to improve pedestrian safety identified during the completion of items (a) and (b), including implementation and identification of any funding and/or resource requirements.