

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee: December 2, 2024

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

### **Good Roads Letter Of Support To Province For The Establishment Of An Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

WHEREAS, official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system; and

WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario’s rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads;
- (b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Honourable Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and
- (c) That Public Works Transportation Staff be a participant in the rural road safety program with Good Roads if established by the Government of Ontario.