

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Public Works Committee: December 2, 2024

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

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

**Hamilton Rural Road Safety Consulting Assignment for All Wards With Rural Roads (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15)**

WHEREAS, residents in rural Hamilton have observed significant increases in through traffic on roads and that many of these vehicles are traveling in rates far exceeding the posted speed limit which they believe make these road more dangerous;

WHEREAS, rural roadways are straight and unencumbered and the Council Approved Speed Limit Policy and MTO speed limit guideline will often recommend setting higher speed limits on rural roadways due to their geographical area and characteristics of the roadway;

WHEREAS, industrial development in rural-adjacent areas is one of the sources of the increased traffic and planned development in future years will only increase the number of vehicles on some rural roads;

WHEREAS, rural roads do not have sidewalks and rural residents use their neighbourhood roads to walk for leisure and exercise; and

WHEREAS, some traffic calming measures used in urban areas are currently regarded as incompatible for rural roads so alternate measures would need to be implemented to improve road safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division be authorized and directed to complete a jurisdictional scan and consulting assignment to review best practices and other available tools that could be effective in enhancing road safety for all road users on Hamilton’s rural roads and report back in Q3 2025;
- (b) That all costs associated with the rural road safety consulting assignment and jurisdictional scan be funded from the Automated Traffic Enforcement Reserve #112203 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$150,000; and
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.