



Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

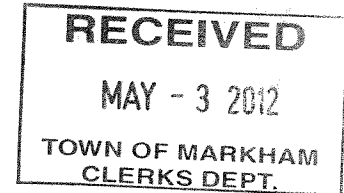
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To Make a Difference in Our Community

April 30, 2012

Chair
Frank Scarpitti
Mayor
Town of Markham

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk, Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3



Vice-Chair
Barbara Bartlett
Regional Council
Appointee

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Re: Request for Reinstatement of Photo Radar

Members
Bill Fisch
Regional Chairman
and C.E.O.

At its meeting on April 25, 2012, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board received the attached report from the York Regional Police Chief outlining a resolution which was passed at the meeting of the Nottawasaga Police Services Board. The resolution seeks the reinstatement of photo radar by the provincial government. Photo radar is currently being used with success in a number of jurisdictions in Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia. The Board was encouraged to hear about the successful experience of these jurisdictions in using photo radar.

Mayor Virginia Hackson
Regional Council
Appointee

In response to this report, the Board reaffirmed its support of photo radar and approved a motion that called on the Premier of Ontario to reinstitute and bring forward photo radar legislation as another tool that municipalities can use to increase traffic safety. We ask that the Town of Markham endorse the use of photo radar and call upon the Province to change the legislation which will allow municipalities to implement this very important tool.

Joanna Yu
Provincial Appointee

Sam Herzog
Provincial Appointee

John Molyneaux
Provincial Appointee

We are confident that the implementation of photo radar will succeed in keeping more drivers, passengers, and pedestrians safe on our streets.

Executive Director
Mafalda Avellino

Yours truly,

Administrative Assistant
Jaclyn Kogan

Mafalda Avellino
Executive Director

/Attachments

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The Board had before it a Report of the Chief of Police recommending:

1. That the Board receive this report pursuant to Crime, Call and Public Disorder Analysis, York Regional Police Procedure LE-003.

Moved by Chairman Fisch,

Seconded by Vice-Chair Bartlett,

that the Report of the Chief of Police be received and that the Board support the use of photo radar and ask the Province to change the legislation and allow municipalities to implement photo radar.

CARRIED

Action: Executive Director



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

25 APRIL 2012

Photo Radar

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Board receive this report for its information.

SYNOPSIS

On November 24, 2011, the Nottawasaga Police Services Board passed Resolution 2011-82 which seeks the reinstatement of photo RADAR by the provincial government. Further, the Nottawasaga Police Services Board is requesting support for their resolution from all other Ontario Police Services Boards, Ontario municipalities, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Police Association of Ontario and Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

This report summarizes the history and current status of photo RADAR in the Province of Ontario.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

Photo RADAR is an automated speed enforcement tool that is currently being used with success in a number of jurisdictions in Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia. An extension of conventional RADAR, this technology uses photography to capture an image of a vehicle and licence plate when a violation occurs. The date, time and speed of the vehicle are superimposed onto the photograph. Some devices can also capture the image of the operator in

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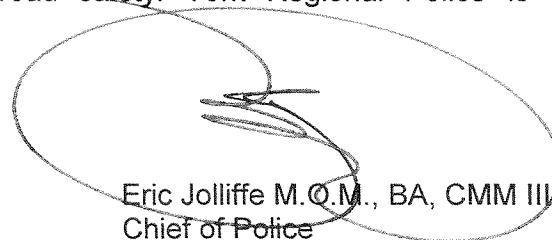
In response to a November 2011 report and presentation on safety performance on the regional road network, the Transportation Services Committee requested that staff report back in April 2012 regarding the feasibility of automated red light cameras and automated speed enforcement. This report went to the Transportation Services Committee on April 4, 2012.

Speeding continues to be one of the most frequent complaints received by municipal staff and remains one of the top contributing factors in motor vehicle collisions in York Region. Statistics provided by the Regional Municipality of York Transportation Services indicate that speeding is a consistent contributing factor in high speed limit zones where collisions are more likely to result in fatalities and serious injuries. The more excessive the speed, the more severe the collisions and resulting injuries.

York Regional Police and the Regional Transportation and Community Planning Department employ enforcement and education strategies in a concerted effort to encourage the public to drive within posted speed limits. Photo RADAR is an automated speed enforcement tool which could be used to augment current efforts at locations where conventional enforcement is unsafe or has proven to be ineffective in reducing operating speeds and/or collisions. Targeted areas could include high-risk areas such as school and playground zones, construction zones and high speed, multi-lane arterial roads.

Consultation with our community indicates consistent concern with regard to road safety within the Regional Municipality of York. Our commitment to ensuring continued road safety is managed through our Traffic Strategy which includes a Traffic Safety Plan that focuses on aggressive driving, impaired driving and speeding. York Regional Police currently engages in various forms of enforcement and education in an effort to ensure continued road safety. Despite these ongoing efforts and initiatives, speeding continues to pose a significant risk to road users. Employing automated speed enforcement as an additional tool serves to complement our resources and efforts. Augmenting current road safety initiatives with automated speed enforcement would serve to alter driver behavior through reductions in speed.

In a report to the Transportation Services Committee, presented on April 4, 2012, the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning recommends that Council request the Ontario Government authorize by regulation, automated speed enforcement to reduce operating speeds and increase road safety. York Regional Police is in support of this recommendation.



Eric Jolliffe M.O.M., BA, CMM III
Chief of Police

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