

November 15, 2021

Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs
Ministry of Transportation of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Caroline Mulroney:

Re: Support of Resolution – Endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and Requesting the Ministry of Transportation to Review Measures Impacting Newly Licensed Drivers

At the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's Regular Council Meeting held on November 4, 2021, Council received the resolution sent by the City of Vaughan on October 19, 2021 in regards to endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and requesting the Ministry of Transportation to review measures impacting newly licensed drivers. Council of the Township of Alnwick/ Haldimand supported and passed the following resolution:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Sherry Gibson, seconded by Councillor Jim Hogg;

"Whereas, correspondence from the City of Vaughan, RE: Resolution Endorsing National Teen Driver Safety Week and Requesting the Ministry of Transportation to Review Measures Impacting Newly Licensed Drivers has been received; and

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has legislative authority over driver licensing, highways, automobile insurance, and the enforcement and prosecution of the federal criminal law; and

Whereas, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation administers the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8; and

Whereas, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation published the "Ontario Road Safety Annual Report 2018", being the most recent report issued, containing statistics that demonstrate that the percentage of young licensed drivers, ages 17 to 20, that were involved in vehicle collisions is higher than any other age group; and

Whereas, the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators published "Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2025" and identifies drivers that are either under the age of 25 or have less than two years of driving experience as a 'risk group' based on several contributing factors, some including distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, passive safety, and road infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand wishes to see change effected to Ontario's driving laws under the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, with respect to newly licensed drivers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand support the correspondence regarding this issue; and

Further That Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Vaughan, the Ministry of Transportation, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Northumberland Police Services Board and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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