



Recommendation: The City of Greater Sudbury investigate the implementation of automated speed enforcement measures and red light cameras.

These devices present the opportunity to reduce accidents, fatalities, injuries and property damage on Sudbury streets and roadways through implementation of measures made possible by Ontario Bill 65, an Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act (Royal Assent May 30th 2017) in respect of speed limits in municipalities as well as to realize savings in policing, traffic calming and additional auxiliary benefits.

“PART XIV.1 AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT: Use of automated speed enforcement system authorized 205.1

An automated speed enforcement system may be used in accordance with this Part and the regulations made under it, (a) in a community safety zone designated by by-law passed under subsection 214.1 (1) where the prescribed rate of speed is less than 80 kilometres per hour; or (b) in a school zone designated by by-law passed under clause 128 (5) (a).”

Canadian evidence:

In Edmonton city traffic officials said photo radar has brought down speed and speed related collisions by roughly 20 percent. In the first year of operation collisions involving someone walking or biking were down 71 percent and collisions causing injury were down 41 percent.

In Gatineau, 20 portable units in the first three months of operation resulted in more than 7,200 tickets. Gatineau police say they've seen drivers slow down and be more careful when they know cameras are around which seems to be the experiences in other jurisdictions

Conclusion and recommendation:

That the implementation of both red light cameras and automatic speed enforcement installations be explored in identified areas including school zones and community safety zones where the speed limit is below 80 kilometres per hour. Those involved: The Greater Sudbury Police Service in conjunction with relevant city departments and other interested parties to make recommendations to city council with respect to this opportunity.

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