

Notice of Motion re: Implementing Safety Measures at the Myers Rd., Lisbon Pines, and Gatehouse Intersection

Moved by: Councillor Hamilton

Seconded by:

WHEREAS the safety of children accessing education is one of the top priorities, if not the top priority, of the City of Cambridge;

WHEREAS there has been a regrettable shortage of crossing guards in several locations across the City of Cambridge to begin the 2023 school year, and city staff are working to remedy this;

WHEREAS Myers Road sits at an intensifying artery of the city, where new housing developments, the recreation complex, condos, commercial and retail facilities, and other buildings are currently being planned and constructed, increasing density and traffic in the area;

WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo's re-design for Myer's Road is delayed, and the construction of safety features for Myers Road such as Level 2 pedestrian crossings and other measures are now delayed for an unforeseen amount of time;

WHEREAS the intersection of Myers Road, Lisbon Pines, and Gatehouse Drive, sees children, parents, and caregivers from two schools, one public and one Catholic, cross a dangerous intersection daily without any additional infrastructure and/or safety measures, and close-calls with cars are becoming more frequent;

WHEREAS the McQueen-Shaver bypass will not see full construction to divert traffic away from Myers Rd. for many years, and the current temporary exit of McQueen Shaver on to Franklin Boulevard might increase the traffic on Myers Road

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk send correspondence on behalf of City Council requesting the Region of Waterloo enact immediate interim safety measures and traffic calming measures at the Myers Road, Lisbon Pines, and Gatehouse intersection, so that children, parents, and caregivers may cross this road safely, until the reconstruction of Myers Road is tendered and completed in the future;

AND THAT once the Myers Rd. reconstruction project is tendered, the full plan and design for a Level 2 Pedestrian Crossing at the Myers Rd. and gatehouse Intersection will be implemented, where vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians crossing;

AND THAT the City of Cambridge advise the Region that an automated speed enforcement camera at this section of Myers Rd. is recommended to reinforce safety and security of pedestrians and drivers alike;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Cambridge requests that the Region of Waterloo reassess the nature and dangers of school crossings on Regional roads to increase safety and traffic calming measures, especially in cases of multiple schools being located at one crossing, as the Region's increasing density and traffic in coming years will see increases in cars, traffic speeds, and (at times) road rage, on Regional roads;

And that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Transportation; Waterloo Region; Waterloo Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.