

Motion Regarding a Province-wide Vision Zero Strategy

Resolution Number 2021-519

Moved by Councillor Saito

Seconded by Councillor Palleschi

Whereas Regional Council passed Resolution 0045-2018 to adopt the “Vision Zero” framework where no loss of life is acceptable and to better coordinate efforts and resources among agencies and stakeholders to prevent fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions in Peel;

And whereas, Vision Zero is an approach to transportation engineering that fundamentally reimagines the way road safety is advanced with the ultimate objective of eliminating fatalities and injuries on roadways;

And whereas, the Region of Peel is currently implementing the Road Safety Strategic Plan (2018-2022), which includes a goal to improve road safety and reduce the occurrence of fatal and injury collisions on Regional roads and incorporates key principles of Vision Zero;

And whereas, consistent with the recommendations of the Road Safety Strategic Plan, the Region of Peel has established a Vision Zero Task Force that consists of representatives from the Region, local municipalities, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police – Caledon Detachment, with the aim to institutionalize road safety by ensuring that consideration of safety implications are integrated into all levels of decision making;

And whereas, at the federal level, the Canadian Council of Motor Transportation Administrators (CCMTA) is the custodian of the Road Safety Strategy 2025;

And whereas, Road Safety Strategy 2025 encourages all road safety stakeholders to make Canada’s roads the safest in the world and adopts a “safe systems approach”, which is a key component of Vision Zero;

And whereas, the Ontario Good Roads Association has repeatedly requested the Province of Ontario to establish a Provincial Vision Zero Strategy;

And whereas, Mississauga Road Safety Committee and City of Mississauga Council endorsed the Ontario Good Roads Association’s request and sent a letter to Minister of Transportation with a request in January 2020;

And whereas, the Minister of Transportation’s response to the City of Mississauga in 2021 indicated that the Province supports federal measures for Road Safety but did not respond directly to the request for a provincial Vision Zero Strategy;

And whereas, the Region of Peel Vision Zero Strategy would be more supported and effective with a provincial strategy in place;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Associate Minister of Transportation to request that the provincial government convene a stakeholder task force group to advise on how a province-wide Vision Zero Strategy can be developed and implemented in Ontario to provide consistent guidance to municipalities;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the three local municipalities within Peel and Peel-area MPPs for their awareness and support.

Carried