

WHEREAS Bill 54, the *Vulnerable Road Users Act* was ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy at the Provincial Legislature prior to moving to Third Reading;

AND WHEREAS Bill 54 proposes amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* including:

- 1) The legal consequences of a collision that results in the serious injury or fatalities of a pedestrian, a cyclist, a mobility device user, a roadway worker, an emergency responder outside their motor vehicle or another individual listed in the Bill.
- 2) The driver who caused the injury or death is guilty of an offence if they caused it by breaking one of the rules of the road listed in the Bill. The listed rules include rules about unlicensed drivers, driving while intoxicated, driving while using a cell phone, speeding, careless driving, disobeying signs or lights at intersections or pedestrian crossovers, proper signalling, sharing the road, safety near emergency vehicles, safely opening car doors, and other rules.
- 3) A driver convicted of the offence is subject to the consequences for breaking the rule, and to a mandatory probation order. The order will require the driver to take a driving instruction course and perform community service. The community service must include activity related to improving driving safety and public education on driving safety. Their driver's licence will be suspended during the probation;

AND WHEREAS Mississauga Council passed Resolution 0045-2018 to adopt the "Vision Zero" framework where no loss of life is acceptable and to continue to work and share resources with agencies, stakeholders and the Road Safety Committee to protect vulnerable road users and prevent fatal and serious injury causing motor vehicle collisions in Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS Vision Zero is an approach to transportation planning that fundamentally reimagines the way road safety is approached with the ultimate objective of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on roadways;

AND WHEREAS the City continues to advocate for Provincial leadership as it relates to Vision Zero and protecting vulnerable road users;

AND WHEREAS citizens are injured and killed on Mississauga roadways as a result of collisions each year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City of Mississauga Council endorse Bill 54, the *Vulnerable Road Users Act*, and the changes the Bill proposes to the *Highway Traffic Act* in order to protect road users in Mississauga and across Ontario;
2. The Mayor and Council write a letter to the Honourable Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney in support of the changes proposed in Bill 54 – Vulnerable Road Users Act; and
3. That the letter encourage the Honourable Minister of Transportation and the Province to prioritize the Standard Committee on Justice Policy review and Third Reading of Bill 54, with the aim of passing the bill during the current Legislative session

Councillor Saito

