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Notice of Motion: Taking Action on Auto Theft in Mississauga

Moved: Councillor Tedjo
Seconded: Councillor McFadden

WHEREAS auto theft has increased each year since 2019, with 2023 being a record-breaking year for auto theft at 7668 vehicles stolen across Peel Region;

AND WHEREAS thieves and organized criminals can steal vehicles in seconds, but can be deterred with simple and effective barriers;

AND WHEREAS Peel Regional Police have dedicated time and resources to address this critical issue, municipal governments can do more to support the actions of Peel Police through education and delivery of necessary tools;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the Insurance Bureau of Canada has reported that auto insurers have paid out \$1.2 billion in theft claims, leading to \$130 from every driver's insurance premium going towards settling claims for stolen vehicles;

AND WHEREAS organizations like Ontario Big City Mayors have taken steps to work with the provincial and federal governments to address systemic issues affecting auto theft rates;

AND WHEREAS the Cities of Brampton and Vaughan have taken proactive steps to combat auto theft by piloting the distribution of free faraday bags to residents, creating an opportunity for the municipalities to provide residents with the education and tools to meet this challenge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City of Mississauga Staff be directed to develop and report back to council a program for the distribution of faraday bags to residents;
2. City of Mississauga Staff work with Peel Regional Police and Safe City Mississauga to develop additional communication materials to educate residents on how to prevent auto theft in our neighborhoods.

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