

ASE Resolution Template

WHEREAS ensuring the safety of all road users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians is a common priority for all municipalities and the provincial government.

WHEREAS reducing vehicle speeds helps create calmer, safer neighbourhoods that encourage people to use active forms of transportation and to be active in their communities.

WHEREAS municipalities need a broad range of tools to improve road safety and are increasingly adopting provincially regulated Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) programs as a proven tool, particularly in school zones and community safety zones.

WHEREAS in Toronto speed cameras have reduced the number of speeding vehicles by 45% across 250 urban school zones, including an 88% decrease in vehicles travelling more than 20 km/h over the speed limit.

WHEREAS speeders – not taxpayers – pay the cost.

WHEREAS Ontario's police leaders view ASE not as a revenue tool, but as a traffic safety tool with the purpose of deterrence and prevention – helping to change driver behaviour and reduce collisions.

WHEREAS by complementing traditional police enforcement, ASE frees up police resources to focus on other pressing public safety priorities.

WHEREAS nearly three quarters of Ontario drivers support the use of ASE in targeted areas like school zones or community centres.

WHEREAS municipalities are best placed to develop transportation plans based on their local knowledge and community input.

WHEREAS the varying approaches across municipalities presents an opportunity to promote consistency and alignment with emerging best practices province wide.

WHEREAS municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) can work together with the province to strengthen how the cameras are used to deliver safer streets efficiently and fairly.

WHEREAS the use of ASE should be a local decision taken by municipalities as an accountable, elected order of government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Transportation work collaboratively with AMO and municipalities that operate ASE programs to strengthen the ASE program.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario

(premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Transportation (minister.mto@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Centre (policy@amo.on.ca).