

## **Report #8 of the Works Committee**

For consideration by Regional Council

December 21, 2022

The Works Committee recommends approval of the following:

1. Correspondence received from the Town of Whitby, dated October 3, 2022, re: Highway 412 – Installation of Ramps and Signalization Lights

That the following resolution passed by the Town of Whitby regarding Highway 412 – Installation of Ramps and Signalization Lights be endorsed:

Whereas the traffic has increased in volume on Highway 412 since the tolls were lifted earlier this year;

Whereas residents report that the intersections of the on and off ramps at both Highway 7 and Highway 2 are difficult to navigate safely;

Whereas there is substantial growth around the Rossland Road area of Highway 412; and

Whereas the east-west roads within our municipality are increasingly congested with all the new growth, and the usage of Highway 412 is anticipated to increase substantially;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Council of the Town of Whitby requests that the Province of Ontario install entrance and exit ramps at Rossland Road on Highway 412, as well as provide for signalization lights at the intersections of the on and off ramps to provincial highways 2 and 7; and
  2. That this request of Council be copied to the MTO, AMO, Region of Durham and all Durham MPPs and MPs.
2. Resolution regarding the Need for an Administrative Penalties Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA)

Whereas Municipal governments support the Province's implementation of outcomes-based policies to move responsibility for end-of-life management of designated products and packaging to producers who are the most able to affect system change;

And whereas these policies can improve environmental outcomes, provide new jobs and grow Ontario's economy;

And whereas outcomes-based policies require clear consequences for non-compliance that can be administered in an effective and efficient manner;

And whereas Administrative penalties are a cost-effective tool for the regulator to hold polluters accountable, so there is less burden on the courts and taxpayers;

And whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority does not have Administrative Penalties which is impacting the ability of the regulator to ensure compliance with the regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016;

And whereas data provided by Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority shows there is a currently a backlog of over 2,000 cases of potential non-compliance and almost 200 known instances of non-compliance;

And whereas the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority has found battery producers non-compliant for collection accessibility and processing;

And whereas the largest waste diversion program, the Blue Box, sees the first communities transition in a few months, ensuring the Regulator has appropriate enforcement tools to ensure servicing and outcomes are met is critical for a smooth transition for Ontarians;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Regional Municipality of Durham calls on the Provincial government to promptly pass an Administrative Penalties regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016;

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Hon David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and AMO
- Durham MPP's
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All Durham Local Municipalities
- The Ontario Waste Management Association

3. Resolution regarding the Expansion of a Slow Down Move Over Requirement to All Roadside Workers

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Whereas the Province's Highway Traffic Act currently provides protection to select designated roadside workers (police, paramedics, and tow truck drivers), which requires motorists to slow down and move over when vehicles are stopped alongside the road;

Whereas many roadside workers (e.g., waste and recycling collectors, maintenance workers) are not currently afforded the same protection but work under the same conditions;

And whereas British Columbia passed a Slow Down Move Over law to make it safer for all roadside workers including maintenance workers, utility workers, police, fire, ambulance, tow trucks, Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement personnel, land surveyors, animal control workers, garbage collectors and other roadside workers;

And whereas the BC Slow Down Move Over law simplifies the messaging to all residents by requiring motorists to adhere to the requirements for all vehicles stopped alongside the road that have flashing red, blue or yellow lights;

And whereas 30 US states have established 'Slow Down Move Over' laws providing protections for waste collection workers;

And whereas multiple Associations such as the Ontario Waste Management Association, the Ontario Road Builders' Association and the Ontario Good Roads Association have advocated for amendments to Ontario's Highway Traffic Act to include all roadside workers;

Now therefore it be resolved that the Region of Durham calls on the Provincial government to promptly amend the Highway Traffic, like the Government of British Columbia already has, to provide the same protections to all roadside workers including waste collection workers;

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Hon Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Hon Caroline Mulroney - Minister of Transportation - Ontario Ministry of Transportation
- Durham MPP's
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All Durham Local Municipalities
- The Ontario Waste Management Association

Respectfully submitted,

D. Barton, Chair, Works Committee