

**CITY/ROAD WATCH**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, Director of Legal Services, and Director of Enforcement Services, recommends:

1. That the Road Watch Program be extended to employees who wish to voluntarily complete the forms.
2. That this report be received.

**Economic Impact**

The economic impact is approximately \$200.00 annually to ensure that forms are available within the City's fleet vehicles.

**Communications Plan**

A news release will be released with respect to the extended program.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide additional information to Council with respect to the issues raised with regard to the report on the City Watch Program from November 27, 2007.

**Background – Analysis and Options**

On November 27, 2007 Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommended that pending staffs comments with respect to Councillor Di Vona's questions contained in his written submission dated November 26, 2007, this matter be forwarded to the Safe City Committee; and that the written submission of Councillor Di Vona be received.

Councillor Di Vona requested confirmation that the Union was agreeable to employees voluntarily completing the Road Watch Forms. Staff have had discussions with the Unit Chair of CUPE Local 905 with regard to having unionized employees participate in the program on a voluntary basis. The Unit Chair indicated that the union would be amenable to the City asking employees to complete the Road Watch form on a voluntary basis.

Councillor Di Vona also requested information with regard to the cost of printing Road Watch forms. There is currently an electronic form to be filled out and submitted online. Staff could reproduce a form collecting the same information and have copies available in all City Fleet vehicles. The anticipated annual cost for printing the forms is approximately \$200.

Councillor Di Vona requested information with regard to York Regional Police's involvement in the Road Watch Program. Staff contacted York Regional Police with regard to the Road Watch Program. They have advised that there is no movement away from the local committees running the program and that York Regional Police will continue to be a strong and equal partner. They further indicated that they are hoping that the Regional Road Watch Committee will be revised so that all nine local committees

have a representative sitting on the Regional Road Watch Committee ensuring common messaging for the nine local committees.

### **Regional Implications**

Co-operation of York Regional Police remains essential to the success of Road Watch.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness, Strategic Initiative No. 7 – Create a community strategy to ensure citizens are safe and have access to safety education programs (partnership with York Regional Police).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated.

### **Conclusion**

The Road Watch program is currently in place through the submission of unsafe driving reports based on observations by residents. All Fleet vehicles can be outfitted with Road Watch forms and staff can be asked to voluntarily complete the forms whenever they observe excessive speeding, following too closely, improper lane changes, failure to stop for signs and signals, failure to yield, or other aggressive driving acts for the nominal cost of printing forms.

### **Attachments**

1. Electronic Road Watch Form

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**CITIZEN REPORT FORM**

**Please note: this form is intended for aggressive driving only – If this is a by-law complaint, please e-mail our Enforcement Services Department directly.**

**Report Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Report Time** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Incident** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time of Incident** \_\_\_\_\_ **AM/PM**

**Location of Incident** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle and Unsafe Driver Information**

**Driver Description** \_\_\_\_\_

**Male/Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age (estimate)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Vehicle (car, Truck, other):** \_\_\_\_\_

**License Plate #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Year (approx.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Make** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Model** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Colour** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Happened?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Indecent Reported By**

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Aggressive Driving?**

- **Excessive Speeding**
- **Following too closely**
- **Improper lane changes**
- **Failure to stop for signs and signals**
- **Failure to yield**
- **Other Aggressive Driving Acts**

**Remember: Driving is a Privilege**

**Be a Safe (Defensive) Driver**

**Helpful Hints About Filling Out This Form:**

- **Do not fill out this form while driving**
- **Record the licence plate number**
- **Record the location and conditions of the offense**
- **Your name address and telephone number must be included in order to ensure follow-up, however this information is kept in strict confidence.**