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November 17, 2021

REGION OF PEEL  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

Dear Mr. Iannicca:

Thank you for your email regarding the Region of Peel's resolution requesting the province to convene a stakeholder task force to advise on a province-wide Vision Zero strategy. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is strongly committed to promoting the highest standards of safety for all Ontarians who travel on our roads and will continue working with our partners on measures that enhance this objective.

As you may already know, Ontario has adopted the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) Road Safety Strategy 2025 "Towards Zero: The Safest Roads in the World", which has been adopted by many other provinces in Canada. Towards Zero seeks to achieve a downward trend to zero fatal and severe injury collisions.

We recognize that a combination of legislative, engineering, enforcement and public education efforts are necessary to achieve our safety objectives, which is why the government has taken steps to keep vulnerable road users safe, including introducing the *Moving Ontarians More Safely Act* or 'MOMS Act,' which received royal assent earlier this year. Among other things, the bill increases penalties for drivers convicted of street racing/stunt driving while also lowering the speed threshold for street racing/stunt driving charges to 40 km/h above the speed limit, where the limit is less than 80 km/h.

The ministry continues to review and reinforce the relevant HTA provisions and enhance safety through public education activities. We strongly believe that public education is key to road safety for all Ontarians. That is why we continue to provide education to all road users to promote safe sharing of the road. In this endeavour, the ministry works with police services, injury prevention advocates and community groups.

Our government is committed to making sure that our roads stay safe and we continue to explore additional measures that enhance the safety of the travelling public. This includes ongoing consultation and support to municipalities in our joint effort to keep Ontario's roads the safest in North America.

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Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in road safety.

Sincerely,



Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation

- c. The Honourable Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation  
Laura Hall, Town Clerk, Town of Caledon  
Diana Rusnov, City Clerk, City of Mississauga  
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**Subject: Motion Regarding a Province-wide Vision Zero Strategy**

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I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on May 13, 2021:

**Resolution Number 2021-519**

*Whereas Regional Council passed Resolution 0045-2018 to adopt the “Vision Zero” framework where no loss of life is acceptable and to better coordinate efforts and resources among agencies and stakeholders to prevent fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions in Peel;*

*And whereas, Vision Zero is an approach to transportation engineering that fundamentally reimagines the way road safety is advanced with the ultimate objective of eliminating fatalities and injuries on roadways;*

*And whereas, the Region of Peel is currently implementing the Road Safety Strategic Plan (2018-2022), which includes a goal to improve road safety and reduce the occurrence of fatal and injury collisions on Regional roads and incorporates key principles of Vision Zero;*

*And whereas, consistent with the recommendations of the Road Safety Strategic Plan, the Region of Peel has established a Vision Zero Task Force that consists of representatives from the Region, local municipalities, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police – Caledon Detachment, with the aim to institutionalize road safety by ensuring that consideration of safety implications are integrated into all levels of decision making;*

*And whereas, at the federal level, the Canadian Council of Motor Transportation Administrators (CCMTA) is the custodian of the Road Safety Strategy 2025;*

*And whereas, Road Safety Strategy 2025 encourages all road safety stakeholders to make Canada’s roads the safest in the world and adopts a “safe systems approach”, which is a key component of Vision Zero;*

*And whereas, the Ontario Good Roads Association has repeatedly requested the Province of Ontario to establish a Provincial Vision Zero Strategy;*

*And whereas, Mississauga Road Safety Committee and City of Mississauga Council endorsed the Ontario Good Roads Association’s request and sent a letter to Minister of Transportation with a request in January 2020;*

*And whereas, the Minister of Transportation's response to the City of Mississauga in 2021 indicated that the Province supports federal measures for Road Safety but did not respond directly to the request for a provincial Vision Zero Strategy;*

*And whereas, the Region of Peel Vision Zero Strategy would be more supported and effective with a provincial strategy in place;*

*Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Associate Minister of Transportation to request that the provincial government convene a stakeholder task force group to advise on how a province wide Vision Zero Strategy can be developed and implemented in Ontario to provide consistent guidance to municipalities;*

*And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the three local municipalities within Peel and Peel-area MPPs for their awareness and support.*

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution.

Kindest personal regards,



Nando Iannicca  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Copy: Kealy Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works  
Terry Ricketts, Director of Transportation

Also sent to:

Laura Hall, Town Clerk, Town of Caledon  
Diana Rusnov, City Clerk, City of Mississauga  
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Peel-area MPPs