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Working Group Meeting Highlights



The May 28th ASE Working Group meeting featured a lively discussion on a wide variety of subjects, including:

- School zones with flashing beacons;
- Approved technologies for speed enforcement in Ontario;
- The use of video recording of infractions versus using still photography;
- Provincial Offences Act Certificate of Offence for ASE;
- Mobile ASE Deployment; and
- City of Toronto ASE Pilot Program.

Also, IBI Group has officially been retained for the development of the RTP/RFP. In order to estimate the number of potential ASE deployments and forecast staffing needs for the JPC, Matt Colwill and his team have requested Community Safety Zone and School Zone inventory information. You can learn more about the [data request and how to respond here](#). Please respond by June 30, 2018.

Toronto Star article on ASE in Toronto



Image Source: [Toronto Star](#)

“We want kids to feel like they can get to and from school safely.” – Councillor Jaye Robinson, as quoted in a June 5 Toronto Star article about the city’s ASE plans.

The article notes that staff are recommending that community safety zones be designated around all elementary schools in the city. This move would allow for higher fines for speeding, but would also make them candidates for ASE implementation.

The article quotes Katie Piccininni, whose 9-year old son attends St. Clement Catholic School in Etobicoke:

“People need to slow down. If it means that they’re going to have big tickets, and pay through the nose for safety infractions, and maybe learn a lesson that way, that would be a much better way than a child losing their life,” she said.

In addition, the article mentions a University of Alberta study that showed a 32.1% reduction in fatal and serious injury collisions after ASE was implemented.

You can read the article by transportation reporter Ben Spurr on the [Toronto Star website](#).

Council Reports Roundup

At the May 30th General Committee meeting, City of Mississauga staff presented their recommendations to participate in the ASE RFP and cost sharing. Here are some of the highlights from their report:

- As part of the City's Vision Zero framework and Road Safety Program, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) has been identified as a road safety initiative to reduce vehicle operating speeds and the number of injuries and fatalities on our roadways. City staff from the Transportation and Works Department, Legal Services and Court Administration have been participating in an inter-municipal working group led by the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) in an effort to establish common operating principles for ASE across the Province.
- The ASE Request for Proposal evaluation process, provincial regulations, and contract award by all participating municipalities is expected to occur in 2019 at the earliest.
- It is anticipated that contract start-up, site design and installation could take up to one year to complete, with the first ASE site commissioned towards 2020.
- Implementation of ASE on City of Mississauga roads would remain subject to City Council approval and future reports will provide details of capital and operating cost implications for the City.

If you would like participate in the RFP process, please send a letter of intent to the City of Toronto. You can also reach out to [Mike Bernet](#) for a letter template of for more information.

Look Ahead



Please save the date:

ASE Legal Working Group will meet on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Presentation Centre North at the Centre for Health & Safety Innovation.

The ASE Steering Committee will meet on Monday, July 11, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. in Presentation Centre North at the Centre for Health & Safety Innovation. Interested in being a part of the Steering Committee? You can read the [committee's terms of reference](#) and find more details in Issue #2 of ASE Update.

The Centre for Health & Safety Innovation (CHSI) is located at 5110 Creekbank Road in Mississauga. Please contact [Marco D'Angelo](#) for more details if you wish to attend.

In addition, the City of Brampton, York Region, and the City of Vaughan will be presenting reports to their respective councils in the month of June. The City of Ottawa will also present a letter of intent to council for approval.