



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To:	Council
From:	M. Paul Cripps, P.Eng., Commissioner, Engineering Services
Date:	June 24, 2019
Report No:	ENG-017-19
Subject:	Cameras on School Buses

**That Report ENG-017-19 entitled Cameras on School Buses be received for information;**

**Recommendation:** AND THAT the Commissioner of Engineering Services be authorized to send a letter of support to Halton Regional Police Services indicating the Town of Milton supports the implementation of a pilot project commencing September 2019.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Town of Milton staff, along with Halton Regional Police Services, receives numerous complaints from the community regarding vehicles that continuously disobey the stop arm deployment on school buses. As a result of these complaints, the Town of Milton supports the implementation of a pilot project entitled “Bus Guard” in conjunction with Halton Regional Police, Halton Region and the four local municipalities commencing September 2019. This pilot project will be used to collect data on the location and number of violations that are occurring.

## REPORT

### Background

Halton Regional Police Services has been reviewing automatic enforcement technology that can be used on school buses to confirm if violations are occurring. In 2017, Halton Region Police Services arranged a meeting with the local municipalities, Halton District and Catholic School Boards, and Halton Student Transportation Services to attend a demonstration by a vendor that specializes in placing video cameras on school buses to detect violations of drivers disobeying the stop arm deployment. The videos can be used to quantify the amount of violations, educate the public and ultimately provide enforcement.



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In addition, Mayor Krantz provided a letter of support to Chief Tanner at Halton Region Police Services in December 2017 to apply for grant funding to pursue a pilot project for the implementation of the cameras.

## Discussion

A meeting was held on Friday, May 31, 2019 between Halton Regional Police Services, Halton Region and the four local municipalities to continue discussions regarding school bus violations that are occurring throughout Halton Region.

Halton Regional Police Services has been working with a vendor and the Privacy Commission to have a pilot program implemented. It is anticipated that the pilot program will have a camera installed on a minimum of one school bus with the goal to have it implemented at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year.

During the pilot, the camera will collect data to quantify the amount of violations. It will also determine the complexity to review the data to determine the amount of resources required to implement the program. Enforcement would be established in a future phase of the program. As part of the Halton Regional Police Services Road Safety Strategy for the Town of Milton and the Town of Halton Hills, project "Bus Guard" is one of the many programs that is planned to be implemented.

The Town of Milton promotes road safety and works in partnership with Halton Regional Police Services. The implementation of a pilot program for the installation of cameras on school buses will determine to what extent drivers are disobeying the school bus stop arm when deployed. It is anticipated that the pilot program will be implemented at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year.

## Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments
None

CAO Approval  
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