
MEMORANDUM

JBM-C 2-2021

Subject: Vision Zero Update
Date: January 28, 2021
To: Joint Board of Management
From: Beth Brens, Manager of Program Financial Support and Carolyn Ryall,
Director of Transportation

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide JBM with an update related to the status of the Vision Zero Program implementation and next steps.

In order to seek Regional Council approval of the proposed amendments to the inter-Municipal Agreement, Staff brought forward a report to Corporate Services Committee on December 9, 2020, that included the proposed draft amending agreement as an appendix (namely Report # CSD 81-2020). The recommendations of the report were approved by Corporate Services Committee for subsequent ratification by Regional Council. However at Regional Council on December 17th, 2020, the recommendations were approved with an amendment as follows:

That Report CSD 81-2020, dated December 9, 2020, respecting Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement in a form substantially as set out in Appendix A of Report CSD 81-2020, **BE APPROVED** for purposes of advancing the Vision Zero Program;
2. That the Director of Legal and Court Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to make such revisions to the Amending Agreement as may be deemed necessary and approved by the Acting Chief Administrative Officer in response to requests from the local area municipalities in order to finalize the Amending Agreement; provided that the apportionment of costs and revenue remains the same as provided in Appendix A of Report CSD 81-2020;

3. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Amending Agreement to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement once finalized, subject to approval by all 12 local area municipalities; and
4. That Report CSD 81-2020 and the Amending Agreement, attached as Appendix A of Report CSD 81-2020, **BE CIRCULATED** to the 12 local area municipalities and that the 12 local area municipalities **BE REQUESTED** to review and approve the Amending Agreement at the earliest opportunity in order to advance the Vision Zero Program.
5. ***That Appendix A, point #2 under definitions, to be amended to read as follows: Net revenues from Red Light Cameras, Automated Speed Enforcement and such other automated technology-based traffic enforcement tools that may be approved by the Province, be shared 50/50 between the Region and local area municipalities consistent with current practice.***

Overview of Motion as Amended requested by Regional Council on December 17th

The recommended amendments proposed to CSC and Council in December, as originally proposed by Staff allowed for 100% of net Vision Zero Program revenue to be transferred to the Niagara Region, to cover transportation and business licensing operating and capital expenditures, with any remaining funds being used to re-investment into the Program. This approach was in support of the financial sustainability and future growth of the program. The motion as amended at Regional Council on December 17th, 2020 changed the original amendment to request that the net revenue to be split 50% to the Region and 50% to the LAMs.

The implications of this change are being considered by Staff as it relates to the amending agreement. Staff are also assessing the need for a further report to Regional Council and the associated impact on timelines. Staff wished to provide this memo as an update in the interim given the change from the previous reporting to JBM.

Next Steps

Staff may proceed with a further report to CSC/Regional Council to provide

- Further clarity on motion as amended;
- Information related to the impacts of this additional change and;
- The updated draft proposed amending agreement

Staff plan to attend local area municipal councils and Regional Council and with the target of approvals by the end of Q1/early Q2 2021. Presentation to LAM councils will include an overview of the program; draft proposed amendments to the inter-municipal agreement; and financial implications for approval.

Upon the revisions to the IMA being approved by all LAMs, Transportation staff will bring forward a report to PWC and Council to authorize entering into agreements with suppliers and related parties to acquire equipment and services, as required. It is estimated that it will take 120 business days to receive the equipment following execution of the supplier agreement.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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