

SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERA PROGRAM MAY BE COMING IN 2023

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Halton Hills is considering the use of automated speed enforcement in community safety zones.

During a recent council meeting, town staff was directed to review the implementation of new community safety zones in the municipality where a mobile speed camera could be used, and include such a program for consideration in next year's budget.

Under the Highway Traffic Act, municipalities are permitted to use automated speed enforcement (ASE) in community safety zones and school zones, explains a report from Halton Hills traffic co-ordinator Matt Roj.

"ASE is an automated system that uses a camera and a speed enforcement de-



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vice to detect and capture images of speeding vehicles," he said in the report.

"The purpose of the ASE is to improve road safety by reducing speeding and aggressive driving in the com-

munity. Lower operating speeds reduce the number of severe collisions and improve the safety of vulnerable road users."

The fines would be issued to the registered owner

of the vehicle and do not include demerit points to impact driving records, similar to tickets processed through the red light camera program, noted Roj.

The fine amount varies

by how many kilometres over the speed limit the vehicle was travelling.

If approved in next year's budget, the mobile camera would be used in community safety zones, with a warn-

ing sign placed 90 days before enforcement begins.

Currently there are four community safety zones throughout the municipality on Delrex Boulevard, Mountainview Road South and Maple Avenue in Georgetown and Mill Street West in Acton.

Town staff intend to conduct a review this spring and summer to determine other locations that could be designated, followed by a report to council with recommendations in the fall.

Staff have also been authorized to initiate discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and other relevant parties on the topic.

The initial estimated cost of the program for 2023—including one mobile camera and a one-time starting cost—is \$268,000, followed by approximately \$147,000 in annual operating expenses.

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