

# Photo radar has support

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number one. In 1992, more than 1,000 lives were lost and 90,000 people were injured in collisions. Health care and property damages cost were estimated at \$12 million.

Photo radar had positive results, said

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Brenda Sequin, administrator for the Township of Essa. Sequin stressed the pilot project resulted in a 15- to 20 per cent reduction in speeding at the two-lane sites, a 25- to 34 per cent reduction at the four-lane site and a 39- to 60 per cent reduction at the six-lane site.

The charge that photo radar violates one's privacy doesn't hold up, according to Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne

Emmerson. "If you live by the letter of the law, you shouldn't have a problem with getting your picture taken."

There's an open disregard for speed limits within the streets and roads of Whitchurch-Stouffville, he noted. "Speeding is getting worse as time goes by and it's coming from our residents. They're the speeders."

The resolution attracted unanimous support from East Gwillimbury, said municipal clerk Stephen McDonald. "There was no debate. Council just supported it," McDonald said.

Some of the results of the photo radar program were favourable, said Markham Regional Councillor Gordon Landon. "But I guess (Ontario Premier) Mike Harris didn't like it. Harris thought we should ticket people, not cars."

Essa Township plans to present the idea of reinstating photo radar for debate at the August meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "We have a great deal of support," said Sequin.

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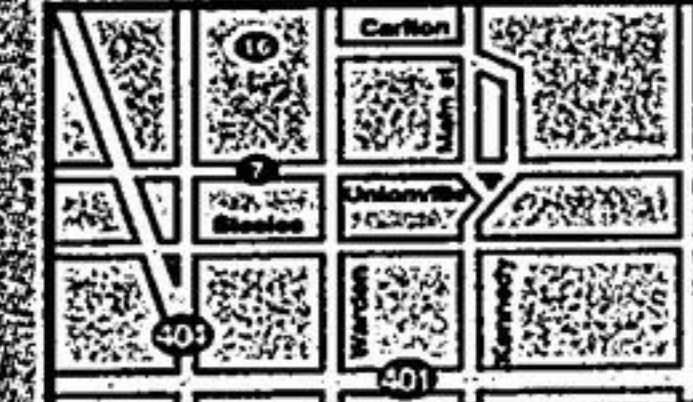
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