

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 - 155

DIVISION LIST	YES NO	DATE: November 18, 2025
Councillor G. ASHFORD		MOVED BY:
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Councillor C. McDONALD Mayor J. McGARVEY		MM/ M// A
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That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the letter from the Township of South-West Oxford in opposition to the Provincial decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras and asks that this decision to ban ASE cameras be reconsidered, and that municipalities be permitted to continue using ASE cameras in school zones and urban areas where local councils deem them warranted; and

That this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, and copied to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Graydon Smith, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey



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November 6th, 2025

Sent via email.

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
<a href="mailto:premier@ontario.ca">premier@ontario.ca</a>

Dear Premier Ford:

## Re: Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras

At the Regular Council meeting on October 21st, 2025, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford directed staff to write a letter in opposition to the Provincial decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras.

In December 2019, the Province of Ontario established regulations allowing municipalities to use ASE cameras to address speeding and enhance public safety. Following provincial encouragement, municipalities adopted ASE technology to reduce speeding, prevent collisions, and save lives.

Research at local, regional, and international levels supports the effectiveness of ASE programs, indicating a significant reduction in speeding, improved compliance in school and community safety zones, and positive changes in driver behavior. The suggestion that the Provincial government views the ASE program as a "cash grab" is entirely unfounded, as revenue generated through ASE arises solely from individuals who choose to disregard posted speed limits. If drivers comply with speed regulations and adjust their behaviour accordingly, there would be no generated revenue from ASE cameras.

Municipal councils are directly responsible for the health and safety of their communities and are therefore best positioned to determine the areas of greatest concern regarding local driving conditions. Each municipality understands the unique traffic patterns, school zones, and community safety issues within its jurisdiction. Furthermore, policing and traffic enforcement are municipal responsibilities, and as such, municipalities should have the autonomy to determine whether and how to deploy ASE technology in the most effective and efficient manner to protect residents and road users.

Following significant municipal investment across Ontario, the recent decision, made without consultation, to cancel Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) programs has



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raised serious concerns. Rather than an outright ban, adjustments to existing legislation and program standards would provide a more balanced and collaborative approach. Therefore, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford respectfully requests that this decision to ban ASE cameras be reconsidered, and that municipalities be permitted to continue using ASE cameras in school zones and urban areas where local councils deem them warranted. At a time when police services are facing significant resource constraints that limit their capacity to enforce speed limits, ASE cameras remain a necessary tool to address community safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

**Denny Giles** 

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Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Township of South-West Oxford

cc. The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs All Ontario Municipalites