

Council Memorandum

Date:	November 21, 2023
To:	Council
From:	Deputy Mayor Richardson
Re:	School Bus Stop Arm Camera Proposal – OPP Pilot Project

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Deputy Mayor Richardson, **regarding School Bus Stop Arm Camera – OPP Pilot Project Proposal**, be received; and

That the cost of the bus stop arm camera be funded by the Area Rate Stabilization Reserve committed to OPP up to \$2,356.36.

Rationale:

At a recent CPAC (Community Policing Advisory Committee) meeting, a presentation was made regarding a local pilot program to install a bus stop arm camera.

In recent years, there have been a significant surge of reported incidents from school bus drivers and local residents regarding unsafe practices when a school bus is stopped, as drivers are disobeying the school bus safety rules. One camera will be purchased that will be rotated on routes for better proactive enforcement.



This initiative is not School Board driven, it is an OPP pilot program being brought forward to help address the increased concerns and issues.

TLDSB has agreed to support 50% of the cost, leaving a balance of \$2,356.36 which I hope that we can support.

Stop arm cameras can automatically capture stop arm violations along with key details such as date, time and GPS location. This pilot project will allow licence plates to be captured and fines to be issued in real time.

As we continue to see a surge of commuter traffic as well as more full time residents, it is prudent to move forward with a technology that will increase student's safety. The cost to the City is \$2,356.36 which can be addressed through the Area Rate Stabilization Reserve.