



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Matt Roj, Traffic Coordinator

DATE: April 14, 2023

MEMO NO.: TPW-2023-002

SUBJECT: Automated Speed Enforcement – Update

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of the memorandum is to update Council on the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program following consultation with Redflex Traffic Systems (Canada) Limited (Camera vendor), Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) and City of Toronto's Joint Processing Centre (JPC).

BACKGROUND:

Report No. TPW-2022-0001 identified the details of the ASE Program. Based on the available information at that time, staff anticipated commencement of the ASE program in July 2023.

Under the current legislation, the municipalities that currently operate the ASE program (i.e., Toronto, Brampton, Hamilton), prosecute ASE violations through the Provincial Offences Act (POA) court services.

In Halton Region, Halton Court Services (HCS) is the provincial offences court providing court administration and prosecution of provincial offences to the Region and area municipalities within the region. The Town engaged HCS staff to discuss the court's capacity to prosecute future ASE offences. HCS has advised that it does not have sufficient capacity to process any ASE offences.

As indicated in Report No. TPW-2022-0001, it was decided that the Town would only implement ASE once the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) was approved by the MTO and operational with the JPC.

COMMENTS:

In March, staff contacted Redflex Traffic Systems (Canada) Limited, MTO, and JPC to begin discussions concerning the required agreements and processes to implement the ASE program.

The implementation of the ASE program requires a municipality to sign four (4) agreements with the following stakeholders, in order:

1. Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)
2. Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO)
3. Joint Processing Centre (Toronto)
4. Mobile Camera Vendor – Redflex Traffic Systems (Canada) Limited

During these discussions, staff were informed that the JPC agreement requires the ASE camera vendor to upgrade the existing software to allow for the processing of ASE infractions through AMPS. The vendor program upgrades are expected to be completed in Q2 of 2024.

CONCLUSION:

Based on delays being experienced by the JPC to incorporate AMPS, the implementation of the Town's ASE program will be delayed until Q2 of 2024 (tentatively).

However, staff are continuing with the implementation of the 20 Community Safety Zones to support ASE this year. In addition, the pre-data required by MTO to allow ASE to be implemented will be collected at all potential ASE locations. Also, to promote the upcoming ASE program, Transportation and Communications staff are working to develop a website and communication strategy.

Staff are continuing to participate in the Ontario Traffic Council's AMPS Working Group to prepare for the implementation of the ASE program.

Reviewed and approved by,

Maureen Van Ravens, Director of Transportation

Bill Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer