



July 8, 2021

TO: The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7  
Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)

Dear Premier Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on June 21, 2021, Town of Essex Council discussed Automatic Speed Enforcement (A.S.E.), also known as Photo Radar. Council noted the significant implications of speeding and the need to mitigate speeding in our community. I am pleased to report that as a result of that review Council passed the following resolution:

R21-06-268

Moved by: Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By: Councillor Bondy

**That** the correspondence from the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen dated June 3, 2021, in support of the resolution sent by the Municipality of South-West Oxford and requesting support for the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement ("ASE" / Photo Radar) be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be circulated to the Chris Lewis, MP, Taras Natyshak, MPP, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and All Municipalities.

Carried



Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. Accordingly we respectfully ask that in order to combat concerns with speeding in their municipalities, that ASE be made available to those municipalities to use (if they choose) in order to help bring about the driving behavioural changes needed.

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7  
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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 11, 2021 in regards to municipalities using Automatic Speed Enforcement, and passed the following resolution:

R-046-21      Moved by Councillor Pomeroy  
                    Seconded by Councillor Webb

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

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Deputy Clerk

Copy: Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities