



August 13, 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: Raising the Legal Age for a Licensed Driver from 16 to 18

Dear Premier Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 19, 2021, Town of Essex Council discussed the City of Vaughan's request to the Provincial Government to raise the current minimum driving age for licensed G1 operators of motor vehicles in Ontario from 16 to 18. While Town of Essex Council is saddened by the Athabasca Avenue accident and sympathizes for the families involved, it does not support raising the legal age for a licensed driver. As a result of that review Council passed the following resolution:

R21-07-313

Moved by: Deputy Richard Meloche

Seconded By: Councillor Bjorkman

**That** the correspondence from City of Vaughan dated June 22, 2021, requesting the Government to raise the legal age for a licensed driver from 16 to 18 be received but not supported; and

**That** a letter stating that the Town of Essex is not in support be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Minister of Transportation, The Minister of Municipal



Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Taras Natyshak MPP for Essex.

Carried

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", written over a white background.

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