

## Traffic safety advisory committee to look into red light camera program

Request from Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen to investigate program referred to committee

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An advisory committee will be looking into implementing a red light camera program in Caledon.

At Caledon Council's April 8 General Committee meeting, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen brought forward a motion asking that Caledon investigate options for implementing a red light camera program.

"I've been a strong proponent of automated speed enforcement, which we're slowly rolling out, which has been great," said Sheen. "It occurred to me that red light cameras are being well utilized in the rest of Peel region, but not so much in Caledon."

Sheen said there are many intersections in Caledon where red light cameras could be beneficial.

"My motion simply asks staff to expedite this, recognizing that the public is expecting us to take traffic safety seriously," said Sheen.

He said red light cameras should pay for themselves with the fines they would issue, but that the cameras are not about generating revenue, they're about public safety.

Sheen's motion noted that Peel Region currently operates 35 red light cameras in Brampton and Mississauga but none in Caledon.

"Caledon residents regularly witness drivers, including large transport truck drivers, running red lights and stop signs, creating dangerous situations on local roads," reads Sheen's motion. "Medium-sized municipalities such as Hamilton and Niagara Region have successfully implemented red light camera programs to improve road safety" as seen at the ROMA 2025 Trade Show, advancements in technology have made traffic safety devices, including red light cameras, much more affordable and accessible to municipalities of various sizes."

Mayor Annette Groves suggested referring Sheen's motion to Caledon's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee so it can take a deeper dive into what will need to be done policy-wise in order to get red light cameras up and running in Caledon.

She said referring it to the committee would not cause any delays and that Town staff are investigating red light cameras already.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said she would not support the referral.

"I don't understand why we would wait any longer to try and get some movement forward. It is the number one problem that I get in my community. We all get traffic, speeding, red light runners, and accidents," said Kiernan.

Regional Councillor Christina Early also said she wouldn't support the referral.

"We have a lot of red light runners, and I think we need to move forward with red light cameras. I don't think we need to wait," said Early.

Groves' referral to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee passed with councillors Early, Kiernan and Sheen in opposition.