



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Councillor Tim Morrison

Introduced: Council Meeting – August 20, 2018

Subject: Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act

WHEREAS: The Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia and organizations including the City of Vancouver, the City of Victoria, the British Columbia Cycling Coalition and Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia have called on the Government of British Columbia to review and modernize the BC Motor Vehicle Act;

AND WHEREAS: Modernization of this legislation is necessary to achieve the Government of British Columbia's "Vision Zero" plan to make BC's roads the safest in North America and eliminate road-related injuries and deaths by 2020;

AND WHEREAS: the Road Safety Law Reform Group has provided evidence-based recommendations for increasing safety for vulnerable road users, including children, seniors, people with disabilities, pedestrians and cyclists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Government of British Columbia review and modernize the BC Motor Vehicle Act, to increase safety for all road users and achieve the "Vision Zero" objective of making BC's roads the safest in North America and eliminating road-related injuries and deaths by 2020.

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THAT Council (1) endorse the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia's Position Paper on Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act and the resolution "Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act"; (2) Request that the Mayor write to the BC Minister of Justice and Attorney General, copying the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, and the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Esquimalt-Metchosin, requesting favourable consideration; and (3) direct Esquimalt's delegation for the 2018 Union of BC Municipalities Annual Meeting to support the resolution on this matter as submitted by City of Victoria for consideration at UBCM.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE: Council strategic goals of "health and livability"; specifically to: "ensure multi-modal traffic strategies consider and reflect business and residential growth and development" and to "proactively address emerging trends in public safety."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

BACKGROUND: see attached Position Paper from the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia and the Letter from the City of Victoria on this matter.