



## **Council Member Motion**

### **For Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 28, 2022**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 25, 2022  
**From:** Councillor Stephen Andrew  
**Subject:** Side Guards Plus Additional Recommendations

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### **BACKGROUND**

On July 5, 2022, a truck turned right off Store St and onto Johnson Street Bridge, hitting a cyclist and causing possibly life altering injuries. This incident occurred less than a week after 28-year-old Agustin Beltran was killed in a collision with a truck in Vancouver. Cycling advocates immediately called for action to retrofit trucks with bars or side guards, including for Transport Canada to mandate truck side guards.

On July 20, 2022, the City of Vancouver Council unanimously voted in favour of mandating side guards on all municipally owned and contracted trucks and writing to Transport Canada, calling for side guard legislation on all semi-trucks.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Require that side guards be installed on all City of Victoria owned and contracted trucks and direct staff to report back with recommendations and a timeline for implementation;
2. Direct staff to perform a full review of all city owned and contracted trucks to ensure side mirrors are installed and in working condition.
3. Direct the Mayor to write a letter to the federal Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, calling for the federal government to make side guards mandatory on large, heavy and semi-trucks in urban areas.
4. Advocate to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to adopt a resolution asking Transport Canada to make side guards mandatory on large, heavy and semi-trucks in urban areas.
5. Direct the Mayor to write a letter to the provincial Minister of Transport, Rob Fleming, calling for an amendment to Section 7.04 of the Motor Vehicle Act to require mirrors covering the front and side blind spots on large, heavy and semi-trucks in urban areas.

## CONCLUSIONS

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Andrew", is positioned above the printed name.

Councillor Stephen Andrew