

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 23, 2017

Date: November 17, 2017 **From:** Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Resolution: Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act

Recommendation:

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, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and local governments in British Columbia, requesting favourably consideration; and (3) direct staff to forward the resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and Union of BC Municipalities for consideration at the 2018 annual meetings of those associations:

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WHEREAS The Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia and organizations including the City of Vancouver, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Ben Isitt

Attachments:

1. Position Paper of the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia

2. Letter to Government of British Columbia

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