



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

1100 Patricia Blvd. | Prince George, BC, Canada V2L 3V9
p: 250.561.7600 | www.princegeorge.ca

COPY

MAJORS OFFICE

FEB 05 2018

VICTORIA, B.C.

January 29, 2018

BC Minister of Justice and Attorney General
1001 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2C5

Dear Honourable David Eby,

On behalf of Prince George City Council I am pleased to provide our support to Mayor Lisa Helps and Victoria City Council's letter dated January 17, 2018. We support the request for the Government of British Columbia to 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.

Road users who walk, bike or use other modes of active transportation are particularly vulnerable. In Prince George, cycling is becoming an increasingly popular mode of transportation thanks to our additions of new cycling routes and the growing profile of events such as Bike to Work Week. We are working to enhance the accessibility of this active mode of transportation in hopes to recognize benefits to the City. These benefits may include: reduced traffic congestion of motorized vehicles, a reduction of pollution, improved air quality, and enhancement of livability and quality of life for residents. As such, we lend our ongoing support to initiatives focused on improving access and awareness of this transportation option.

Along with the City of Victoria, the City of Prince George is in support of updating the Motor Vehicle Act to enhance the safety of vulnerable road users like cyclists and pedestrians, and we agree that clearly articulated rules, roles and responsibilities can help to increase understanding and compliance with traffic laws, reduce conflicts between road users, and allow law enforcement to prioritize enforcement efforts.

Thank you for your attention to our request; we look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Lyn Hall, Mayor
City of Prince George

cc. Mayor Lisa Helps, City of Victoria

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

BC Minister of Justice and Attorney General
1001 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8W 2C5

January 17, 2018

Dear Honourable David Eby:

CORRECTION Re: Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act

On November 23, 2017 Council endorsed the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia's Position Paper entitled *Modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act*.

On behalf of the City of Victoria, I am requesting 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.

Cycling and walking are important modes of transportation. According to the 2016 census, 37% of Victoria residents walk, cycle or use other forms of active transportation for their journey to work. Benefits of increased active transportation mode share include congestion management, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and air particulates, enhanced transportation affordability and improved community health.

As a part of the City's commitment to increasing active transportation use, we are in support of updating the Motor Vehicle Act to reflect the importance of all road users, to create new rules that improve cyclist and pedestrian safety, and to add fines for actions that threaten vulnerable road users.

Other jurisdictions have modernized their laws to clarify the rights and responsibilities between motorists and cyclists, to align traffic laws with new infrastructure design standards and traffic management practices, and to ensure that the laws remain equitable for vulnerable road users.

Clearly articulated rules, roles and responsibilities can help to increase understanding and compliance with BC traffic laws and reduce conflicts on the road. Additionally, reforms can assist law enforcement agencies in prioritizing enforcement to target activities most likely to result in collisions, injuries and fatalities among vulnerable road users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Helps'.

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. Premier John Horgan
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Honourable Claire Trevena
Members of the Legislative Assembly
AVICC
UBCM

1 Centennial Square Victoria British Columbia Canada V8W 1P6
Telephone (250) 361-0200 Fax (250) 361-0348 Email mayor@victoria.ca

www.victoria.ca