

STAFF REPORT: ADMINISTRATION



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: August 18, 2008
REPORT NO.: A.08.07
SUBJECT: Amendment to Motor Vehicle Safety Act
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receives Staff Report A.08.07, "Amendment to Motor Vehicle Safety Act" and endorses and supports Private Member's Bill C-568 titled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)".

B. Background

Jim Karygiannis, Liberal Member of Parliament for Scarborough – Agincourt, introduced Private Member's Bill C-568 titled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (speed limiters)".

Bill C-568 would require any motor vehicle manufactured for sale in Canada after January 1, 2010 to be limited to a top speed not to exceed 150 kilometres per hour. Emergency and police vehicles would be exempted from regulation.

The intent of Bill C-568 is to reduce vehicle speed on Canadian highways and therefore reduce motor vehicle accidents and related injuries and deaths. Transport Canada has reported that speeding was a factor in two thirds of fatal motor vehicle accidents in 2006.

While 150 k/hr may seem excessive as a limit, the September, 2008 edition of Road & Track magazine reports maximum speeds obtained during an oval track test (not top speed) of 270 km/hr for a Porsche 911 GT2 and 258 km/hr for a Corvette Z06.

Mr. Karygiannis has circulated an e-mail message to municipal mayors requesting support for Bill C-568.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Actions: Advocate with other governments on transportation issues affecting the Town.

D. Environmental Impacts

Reduced energy use if vehicle speeds are reduced.

E. Budget Impact

None

F. Attached

Draft Bill C-568 (First reading form)

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Keast, Clerk

BILL C-568

Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Safety Act
(speed limiters)

1993, c. 16

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* is amended by adding the following after section 5:

Definition of
"speed limiter"

5.1 (1) In this section, "speed limiter" means a device mounted on a vehicle that, when engaged, electronically limits the maximum speed at which the vehicle is driven to the speed set on the device.

Restrictions re
manufacture,
importation, sale
and lease

(2) No person shall manufacture, import into Canada or sell or lease to another person a vehicle unless it is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

Duty of repairer

(3) No person who repairs or maintains a vehicle shall release the vehicle to another person unless the vehicle is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

Restriction on
operation

(4) No person who owns a vehicle or leases a vehicle from another person shall operate the vehicle or allow it to be operated by another person unless it is equipped with a speed limiter that is engaged and set to a maximum speed that is not greater than 150 kilometres per hour.

Application

(5) This section applies to vehicles manufactured on or after January 1, 2010 that are not fire-fighting vehicles, ambulances, police vehicles or other vehicles that are used for the purpose of emergency or vehicles that belong to a class of vehicles that is exempted from the application of this section by regulation.