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City Council
City of Brampton
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Subject: Petition and Community Concerns Regarding By-law 78-2024 (Automatic Speed Cameras) and By-law 86-2025 (Parking Regulations)

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of concerned residents of Brampton to formally express our opposition to By-law 78-2024 pertaining to the installation and use of automatic speed enforcement (ASE) cameras, as well as By-law 86-2025 related to recent parking regulations. After surveying over 50 community members, we are compelled to bring to your attention the widespread disapproval and issues these bylaws raise.

Concerns Regarding By-law 78-2024 (Automatic Speed Cameras):

- 1. Inconsistent Speed Limits**
The variation in speed limits throughout the city suggests that the primary objective is not road safety but rather revenue generation through ticketing. This inconsistency undermines public trust and questions the genuine intent behind the installation of these cameras.
- 2. Alternative Speed Reduction Methods**
There are proven, community-friendly solutions to manage speeding, such as speed bumps, enhanced road signage, and community awareness programs, which should be prioritized over automated enforcement systems.
- 3. Unreasonable Speed Allowance Policy**
Permitting only a 5 km/h speed buffer in areas with changing speed limits effectively sets a trap for drivers. This practice is inconsistent with police enforcement norms and may lead to drivers focusing more on their speedometers than their surroundings, ironically reducing safety.
- 4. Lack of Financial Transparency**
The bylaw does not mandate the city to disclose revenues generated from fines issued by ASE cameras, limiting accountability regarding public funds.
- 5. Excessive and Reckless Spending**
The city has already spent approximately \$77 million acquiring a building solely for the new department managing the ASE cameras. This figure does not include installation and labor costs for operating the department. Such spending strongly suggests the primary motivation behind the program is financial gain rather than community safety.
- 6. Hidden Tax on Residents**
ASE cameras function as an additional form of taxation on residents, many of whom are already burdened with high living costs and taxes.

Concerns Regarding By-law 86-2025 (Parking Regulations):

1. **Additional Tax Burden on Residents**

The new parking restrictions effectively serve as another hidden tax on residents, who are already struggling with record-high property taxes and rising living costs.

2. **Lack of Public Support**

Our survey reflects overwhelming opposition to this bylaw, indicating a disconnect with the community's needs and priorities.

3. **Vague Definition of Unauthorized Parking**

The ambiguous definition of "unauthorized area" creates confusion and unfairly penalizes residents based on past parking habits without clear justification.

4. **Negative Community Impact**

Given existing insufficient parking and financial pressures on residents, this bylaw offers no tangible community benefits and instead adds hardship.

Survey Results & Next Steps

Our initial survey of over 50 residents reveals:

- 100% do **not** approve of By-law 86-2025 (Parking Regulations).
- 86% disapprove of By-law 78-2024 (ASE Cameras), viewing it as unnecessary and a disguised tax.

This survey was solely conducted to test the municipality's claims that residents support these bylaws. In response to the clear lack of community support, we are preparing to launch a more widespread online petition to further gather and amplify residents' voices.

Conclusion

The City of Brampton must prioritize its residents' wellbeing and develop solutions that genuinely enhance safety and community welfare without exploiting regulatory measures as revenue streams. The overwhelming opposition to these bylaws demonstrates that current proposals do not reflect the community's values or interests.

We respectfully urge Council to reconsider these bylaws, engage in transparent dialogue with residents, and explore more effective, equitable alternatives that truly meet the needs of Brampton's citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Priya Patel and Sanjay Patel

(On behalf of concerned Brampton residents and petition signatories)