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The Community Safety Camera Program: Implementation, Outcomes, and Closure

Staff Report to Council

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled The Newmarket Community Safety Camera Program: Implementation, Outcomes, and Closure dated April 13, 2026 be received.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to formally close out the Community Safety Camera Program, which utilized Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technology, following provincial legislative change that removed municipal authority to operate such programs. This report provides Council with a concise summary of the program's intent, duration, and conclusion, and confirms that all required administrative and financial wind-down activities have been completed.

Background

On **January 30, 2023**, Town Council received a [presentation and Staff Report 2023-07](#) approved implementation of the Community Safety Camera Program, utilizing ASE technology.

On **September 3, 2024**, The Community Safety Camera Program was launched with a warning notice period.

On **October 18, 2024**, Administrative penalties (speeding tickets) commenced under the Community Safety Camera Program.

On **May 26, 2025**, Town Council received [Staff Report 2025-31](#) confirming the effectiveness of the Community Safety Camera Program, illustrating a 73% reduction in

the number of vehicles travelling above the posted speed limit and a 23% reduction in average vehicle speeds.

On **November 14, 2025**, Municipal authority to operate community safety cameras utilizing ASE technology was repealed following enactment of [Bill 56](#).

Discussion

The Community Safety Camera Program operated for a limited period and was administered in accordance with all applicable legislative and policy requirements in effect at the time. Enforcement activities were limited to approved locations and supported by public awareness measures. The program focused on high-risk community safety zones in front of schools, with a clear and controlled purpose; to reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety where people are most vulnerable.

Program Outcomes

During its period of operation, the program demonstrated improved driver compliance within monitored areas, including reductions in speeding behaviour and lower average vehicle speeds. These outcomes were consistent with the program's primary objective of enhancing road safety.

While the program was active;

- Vehicles travelling above the posted speed limit **declined by 78%**
- Average vehicle speeds and speeds in the 85th percentile **dropped by 23%**

Comparative Analysis			
Community Safety Zone	# of Vehicles Above Speed Limit	Avg Vehicle Speed	85th Percentile
Before ASE	7,574,164	46.98 km/h	53.30 km/h
After ASE	1,687,554	36.39 km/h	41.30 km/h
Reduction Counts	-5,886,610	-10.59 km/h	-12.00 km/h
Reduction %ages	-77.72%	-22.54%	-22.52%

Figure 1: (The Summary Table) Comparative Analysis: Aggregate Program Impact

Ticket Volumes

From October 2024 to November 2025, the Community Safety Camera program issued 30,277 speeding tickets. Nearly two-thirds of these tickets (57.34%) were issued to drivers from outside Newmarket, indicating most traffic issues were caused by non-residents.

Ticket Appeals

Appeal volumes remained consistent with the initially projected volumes for the program. Out of the 30,277 total tickets issued, 2,719 went to a Screening and 288 tickets went to a Hearing.

Total Tickets	Actual Volume	Actual Percentage	Initial Projection
Issued	30,277	-	-
Screened	2,719	8.98%	10.00%
Heard	288	0.95%	1.00%

Figure 2: Actual vs. Projected Ticket Appeal Volumes

Program Conclusion

Following provincial legislative changes on November 14, 2025, the Town began winding down the Community Safety Camera Program. This transition included ending enforcement activities on that date, continuing administrative appeal processing for tickets issued prior to that date, and fulfilling all associated legislative, financial, and contractual obligations.

Financial Overview

The Community Safety Camera Program was municipally funded, with the Town responsible for all capital, operating, administrative, and wind-down costs. Penalty revenues generated during the program were applied toward offsetting eligible program expenses.

The program concluded during its planned investment phase. The unexpected costs of shutting down the program were covered thanks to our conservative budgeting and strong legal contracts.

The Town generated \$2.2 million in revenue from the start of the program which directly offset the \$1.8 million incurred for setup and operational expenses, concluding the Town's local program in a net-revenue financial position. Furthermore, the Joint Processing Centre (JPC), which supported our municipal partners, generated an additional \$0.3 million in revenue, ultimately leaving the municipality with an overall financial surplus.

It is important to note that all initial capital investments in software, hardware, and physical infrastructure have been fully accounted for. Had the program been permitted to operate over its intended multi-year lifespan, it was on a clear trajectory to generate consistent, year-over-year surpluses.

Consultation

The Town's Finance was consulted during the preparation of this report.

Conclusion

The Community Safety Camera Program was implemented under provincially authorized legislation and in alignment with Council-approved objectives. While the program concluded earlier than anticipated due to legislative change, it demonstrated the role that automated enforcement can play in supporting municipal traffic safety goals. This report confirms the formal close-out of the program.

Council Priority Association

This report aligns with the following Council Priority: Customer-First Way of Life.

The Community Safety Camera Program aligned with Council's Strategic Priorities and the Town's vision to be Well Beyond the Ordinary, supporting Smart City initiatives by advancing traffic safety through technology-enabled service delivery.

Human Resource Considerations

The provincially mandated termination of the program resulted in staffing impacts related to program delivery. These impacts were addressed in accordance with applicable employment legislation, and human resource policies.

Budget Impact

Based on the life to date results as of December 31, 2025, the Town incurred a net surplus of \$0.7 million.

Attachments

None.

Approval for Submission

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