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A SAFER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

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Mayor Annette Groves Town of Caledon 6311 Old Church Road Caledon, ON L7C 1J6

Dear Mayor Groves,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of our police service. We highly value the strong and collaborative relationship with the Caledon Regional Councillors, and I appreciate our mutual dedication to addressing the key safety priorities within Peel Region.

I am writing in response to your inquiry during the Regional Council meeting on July 11, 2024, concerning illegal trucking and related enforcement activities.

Ensuring the safety of our roads is of the utmost importance to Peel Regional Police, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to collaborate with our law enforcement partners, including the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), to ensure the appropriate enforcement measures are coordinated across the region.

Our enforcement efforts are driven by several initiatives, such as our active participation in the Ontario Police Commercial Vehicle Committee (OPCVC), established in 2009 under the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Traffic Safety Committee. The OPCVC comprises officers certified through the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) and provides support for various road safety initiatives throughout the province, including commercial vehicle inspections, joint enforcement blitzes, and educational outreach efforts within the trucking industry.

Throughout the summer, Peel Regional Police conducted multiple commercial vehicle enforcement blitzes in partnership with the OPCVC, with notable operations along Highway 50 in East Brampton. These blitzes involve comprehensive inspections of commercial vehicles, focusing on infractions related to brakes, cargo securement, driver qualifications, registration, and overall vehicle maintenance (e.g. tires, lighting, horns, etc).

The locations for these enforcement activities are strategically selected based on a variety of factors, including identified high-risk areas, ease of access, and traffic management considerations. We ensure these operations are coordinated with neighboring police services, including the OPP, to maximize their effectiveness.

Additionally, we will continue to work with the Ministry of Transportation and other stakeholders to raise awareness of illegal trucking activities that warrant further attention and provincial coordination.

Peel Regional Police is fully committed to working with Peel Regional Council on ongoing measures to enhance the safety and well-being of our community. Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nishan Duraiappah Chief of Police