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His Worship Allan Thompson
Mayor
Town of Caledon
6311 Old Church Road
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Dear Mayor Thompson:

Thank you for your letter advising the Ministry of Transportation of Caledon Council's resolution regarding the creation of a Community Safety Zone in Caledon Village on Provincial Highway 10. I appreciate this opportunity to respond.

I would like to assure you that the Ministry of Transportation takes the safety of all road users very seriously. My ministry has a keen interest in improving road safety and welcomes resolutions such as yours to achieve that objective.

With respect to your resolution regarding the creation of community safety zones on provincial highways, please be advised that subsection 214.1(2) of the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) gives the Solicitor General, by regulation, the authority to designate parts of a provincial highway or of any highway that is not under the jurisdiction of a municipality as "community safety zones" if the Solicitor General has special concerns about public safety on that part of the highway.

I have forwarded your letter to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, so that she is aware of your request and can reply accordingly.

The ministry continues to work closely with municipalities to collaboratively promote road safety in our communities. In 2017, for example, the government passed legislation to permit the adoption of automated speed enforcement (ASE) systems in municipal school zones and community safety zones with speed limits under 80km/h. While the ministry does not support the use of ASE on provincial highways, it recognizes that municipalities require strong tools to improve safety for all road users—especially vulnerable populations such as pedestrians and school children.

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I wish to assure you that the ministry continues to focus on reducing speeding and aggressive behaviours through a combination of strategies, including legislation, public education and support for the enforcement efforts of Ontario's police services.

Thank you again for reaching out and for this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,



Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

c. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General