

Collingwood Town Council  
Collingwood, ON  
January 12, 2025

Subject: Request for Red Light Camera Installation and Speed Limit Reduction at Balsam and Highway #26 Intersection

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to formally request the installation of red light cameras at the intersection of Balsam Street and Highway #26. As a long-time resident of Collingwood, I have observed a significant increase in traffic congestion and accidents at this intersection.

Collingwood's and surrounding area recent population and traffic growth have strained our infrastructure, with the Balsam and Highway #26 intersection emerging as a particular concern. This concern is substantiated by the Ontario Provincial Police's identification of this intersection with the most collisions in Collingwood several years ago. ['Immense amount of traffic': Here are the intersections in Collingwood with the most collisions since 2018.](#)

Since then, there have been numerous accidents, some resulting in serious injuries, all a result of drivers running the red light. Attached are images documenting several accidents that have occurred at this intersection within the past two years. These are only a few that I capture. I also spoke with drivers involved and everyone mentioned that the other driver ran the redlight.

I propose that the installation of red light cameras would be an effective measure to mitigate the number of accidents at this intersection. Red light cameras have a proven record of deterring drivers from running red lights, thereby reducing accidents and fatalities at intersections where they are implemented.

Furthermore, I recommend a reduction of the speed limit on Balsam Street to align with the speed limit on the east end of town reducing it from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr. This measure would promote traffic calming and enhance safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

I respectfully urge you to consider my request and take decisive action to improve safety at the Balsam and Highway #26 intersection. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jody LaPlante

