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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Councillor Gallo

Re: **Review of Vehicular Hazards for Daycare Facilities and Playgrounds Adjacent to Roads**

To: Members of Council

From: Councillor John Gallo

Date: November 11, 2025

Whereas the safety of children attending daycare facilities and using playgrounds is a matter of utmost importance to the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas several daycare facilities and playgrounds in Aurora are located adjacent to or in close proximity to public roads, parking lots, and vehicle driveways; and

Whereas vehicular collisions involving buildings and outdoor spaces can have severe and tragic consequences, particularly where vulnerable users such as children are present; and

Whereas the Town currently reviews site plans and development applications for traffic circulation and pedestrian safety, but there is no dedicated process to evaluate the potential risks of vehicular intrusion (such as cars accidentally entering play areas or building perimeters); and

Whereas other municipalities have begun implementing protective design features such as bollards, raised planters, fencing, and setbacks to reduce risks of vehicle-structure collisions near childcare facilities and playgrounds; and

Whereas the Town recognizes that many daycare facilities are small, privately operated businesses with limited financial capacity to absorb additional regulatory or capital costs;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to review existing and new daycare facilities and playgrounds located adjacent to or near public roads, parking areas, or driveways to assess potential vehicular hazards and risks of vehicle intrusion into outdoor play areas or building spaces; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That staff be requested to prepare a report to Council outlining:
 - a. A summary of existing Town policies, by-laws, and site plan standards related to traffic safety and physical protection measures around daycare and playground sites;
 - b. Best practices and design standards from other municipalities for mitigating vehicular hazards near child-oriented facilities;
 - c. Potential measures or amendments to Town policies, design standards, or the site plan review process to improve child safety; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That staff consult with York Regional Police, York Region Public Health, and York Region's Transportation Services Department, as appropriate, in the preparation of the report; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That the findings of the report be presented to Council for consideration at the June 2026 Committee of the Whole.