

## TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St. Belle River, ON NOR 1A0

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Minister of Transportation House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Transport Canada 33 Sparks Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5 RECEIVED

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To Whom It May Concern:

## RE: SAFETY WARNINGS ON VEHICLES TO REMIND THE PUBLIC NOT TO LEAVE CHILDREN AND/OR ANIMALS IN HOT VEHICLE

At its meeting of June 26, 2018, the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed resolution number 791-06-2018.

Councillor Janisse moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

Whereas there have been recent reports of instances where children and pets have been left unattended in a vehicle without adequate ventilation.

And Whereas the prolonged heat exposure in a vehicle has resulted in the death of some children and pets.

And Whereas warnings about the effects of leaving children and/or pets in a hot vehicle is not a standard safety label displayed on vehicles.

And Whereas there are currently no questions or warnings included in the Ministry of Transportation Drivers Handbook which is a guide for G1 driver's license testing in Ontario.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Lakeshore requests the Ministry of Transportation to consider including information and questions in the Drivers Handbook and road test regarding the unsafe temperatures that can be reached in a closed up vehicle.

And further be it resolved that the Town of Lakeshore urges Transport Canada to require manufacturers and importers under the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations to include safety warnings on vehicles to remind the public not to leave children and/or animals in a hot vehicle.

And further that a copy of the letter addressed to the Minister of Transportation and Transport Canada be forwarded to the Member of Parliament, Tracey Ramsey and Member of Provincial Parliament, Taras Natyshak as well as all Essex County Municipalities requesting their support.

**Motion Carried Unanimously** 

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Kristen Newman

Director of Legislative and Legal Services

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Cc:

Tracey Ramsey, MP
Taras Natyshak, MPP
Municipality of Leamington – Brenda Percy
Town of Kingsville - R Baines

Town of Amherstburg - Paula Parker

Town of Essex - Robert Auger

Town of LaSalle - Clerks Department

Town of Tecumseh - Laura Moy