

Red Light Camera Program



Public Information Session

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Kingston Collisions

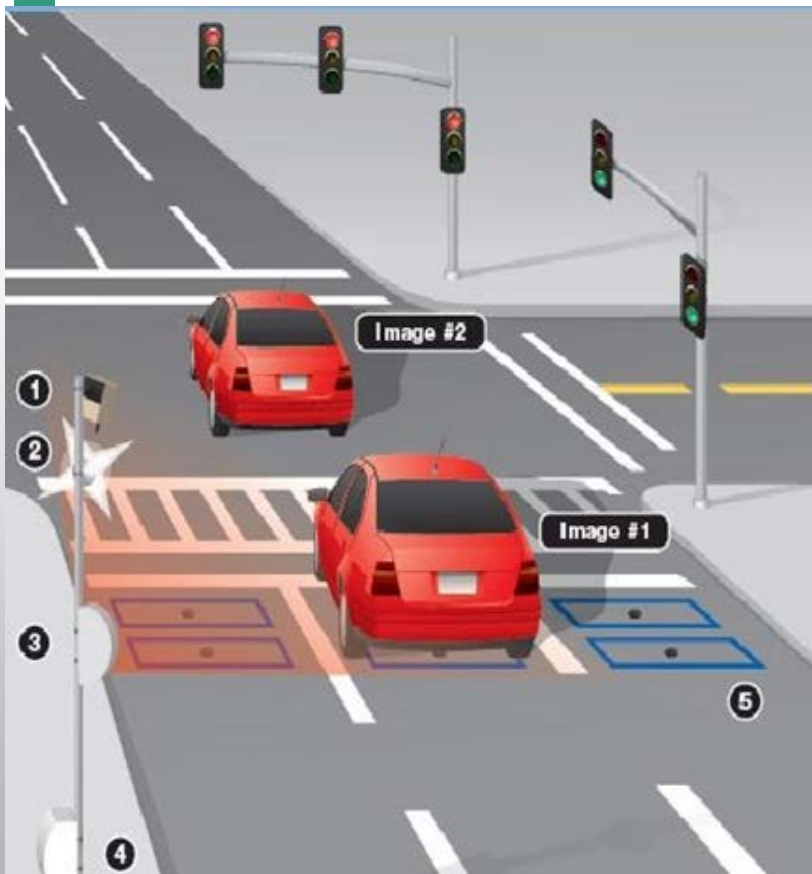
- Average of more than 60 right-angle collisions/year at signalized intersections
- Around 35% of these are fatal/injury collisions



Red Light Cameras



How do red light cameras work?



First photo shows light is red before vehicle enters intersection

Second photo shows vehicle did not stop

Close-up of licence plate

Why Red Light Cameras?

- Reduce aggressive behaviour
- Expected to reduce red light running by at least 50% and reduce right angle collisions by 25%
- **Will reduce injuries and fatalities**
- Efficient enforcement tool

Police Enforcement

Red Light Running



Red Light Cameras in Ontario

- All municipalities use the same vendor and follow the same rules and procedures.
- Program is well respected by the public and the courts.

Red Light Camera Fines

- **Current fine for running a red light is \$325.**
 - **\$260 returned to municipality**
 - **\$60 victim surcharge**
 - **\$5 court fee**

How are tickets processed?

- All tickets processed by trained Provincial Offences Officers
- Ticket mailed to **registered owner of vehicle** within 23 days of offence

Red Light Cameras in Ontario

- Operating since 2000
- Currently operating in 8 municipalities
 - Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Region of Waterloo, Mississauga, Peel Region, York Region

Warning Signs

- **Camera installed on one approach of an intersection**
- **Warning signs MUST be installed on all approaches**



Turning vehicles



- **No violation if motorist turns left on a red as long as they enter the intersection on a green or amber**
- **Right-turning motorist must stop before turning right on a red**

Traffic Signal Timings

- **City uses provincial guidelines for length of ambers and all-reds**
- **Timings will NOT be changed to catch more red light runners**



Where would red light cameras be installed in Kingston?

- **Minimum 10 intersections**
 - ✓ Collision history (right angle collisions)
 - ✓ History of known red light running
 - ✓ Recommendations from Police

Cost of Red Light Cameras

- **Approximately \$530,000 a year for 10 cameras**
- **Ideally the program would be “revenue neutral”**
- **Any extra revenue could be used for road safety initiatives**

Next Steps



- Report to Council in November so that Council can decide whether or not to proceed with red light cameras for 2022
- Begin work on required agreements (pending Council approval)
- City staff & Kingston Police to confirm 10 locations for red light cameras



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