

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

- A. The City of Richmond has recently invested in the purchase and installation of cameras for placement at 110 intersections and wishes to expand the program; and
- B. Regulations have been imposed by the Privacy Commissioner for BC on the intersection camera program as the result of which the resolution on pictures taken by such cameras has been set very low to prevent identification of vehicle license plate numbers and/or personnel occupying the vehicles, thus reducing the use of the images for the purpose of full timely criminal investigation and/or providing evidence in court; and
- C. In the region, there have been a number of incidents of gang-related violence involving fatal shootings while using motor vehicles in the commission of the offences and the consequent threat to personal safety; and
- D. These incidents demonstrate the potential use of intersection cameras and the resulting images for successful, timely investigation and prosecution of violent offenders; and
- E. The members of any level of government are charged with ensuring the safety of citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a letter be written to the Solicitor General for the Province of BC with copies to Richmond MLAs seeking a meeting, as soon as possible, to address the issue of undue regulation on the use of intersection cameras in public places and the images generated including:

- a. Appropriate use of high resolution images on such devices including for the purposes of criminal investigation and prosecution; and
- b. Judicial or other oversight on the use of the images to prevent misuse.