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City Councillor - Ward 38, Scarborough Centre



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Dear TTC Chair and Board Members:

Please accept this letter as my request for TTC staff to report back to the Commission on the feasibility of undertaking a pilot project that would assess and quantify the frequency of traffic violations by motorists who pass streetcars while TTC streetcars are stopped.

The goal of this project is to increase passenger safety by assessing and quantifying the frequency of motorists ignoring the requirement to stop a safe distance back while TTC passengers are embarking/disembarking onto/off-of streetcars and undertaking a public education/enforcement campaign if necessary.

It appears that the last TTC study conducted to determine the incidents of traffic violations in relation to streetcars and motorists was conducted in 1999. This report highlighted that, over a two year period, over 9,000 incidents were reported of vehicles not stopping behind the open doors of a streetcar.

As the number of TTC passengers and volume of traffic have both skyrocketed over the last 15 years, I believe it is timely that the TTC examine this issue and determine if there are ways to increase passenger safety. I also understand that new camera technology can make capturing this data relatively easy.

My motion is: That TTC staff report back to the Commission on the feasibility of undertaking a pilot project that would assess and quantify the frequency of traffic violations by motorists who improperly pass streetcars while TTC streetcars are stopped.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 416-392-0204.

Cheers,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn De Baeremaeker".

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