

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KINDERSLEY

Agenda No. 8.1

Resolution No. 331-17 Date: October 10, 2017

| WHEREAS Teen drivers die in crashes at a higher rate than any other age group in Canada; and |
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| WHEREAS distracted, impaired and aggressive driving are leading causes of teen driver fatalities; and |
| WHEREAS this year, National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW) is building awareness of drug-impaired driving as an emerging issue, with cannabis being the drug most commonly found in young drivers who are fatally injured in crashes. One out of four teen drivers who died in a motor vehicle crash between 2000 2010 tested positive for cannabis. Yet, many youths do not consider driving while impaired by drugs to be risky. Some even falsely believe that using cannabis makes them better drivers; and |
| WHEREAS research shows that texting behind the wheel is equivalent to driving with your eyes closed fo almost five seconds; and |
| WHEREAS multitasking behind the wheel is dangerous but a recent survey of Canadian drivers found 96 per cent of drivers would stop driving distracted if a passenger asked them to; and |
| WHEREAS over half of teen deaths from drunk driving occur on the weekend and Impaired driving can lead to a collision that may take a driver's life, or someone else's; and WHEREAS speed is a factor in one third of teen driver deaths but running late is not a reason to risk you life; |
| THEREFORE I,, do hereby proclaim October 15 to 21, 2017 to be National Teer Driver Safety Week in Kindersley: and |
| THAT the Council of the Town of Kindersley encourages everyone in our community and especially all youth to be part of the solution by making your car a drug-free zone, keeping your phone out of reach while driving, speaking up to asking a driver to not drive distracted, planning ahead for a designated driver, tax or family member to give you a lift after drinking, and by joining the conversation on social media, using the hashtag #GetHomeSafe or by visiting http://www.parachutecanada.org to find more information. |
| Moved by Councillor Kenn Seconded by Councillor SHAKN FRANCIS HENRY Defeated PRESIDING OFFICER'S INITIAL: |
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