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

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 for 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 your life;

THEREFORE I, ____________, do hereby proclaim October 15 to 21, 2017 to be National Teen 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, taxi 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 _______________ Seconded by Councillor _______________

RESULT OF VOTE: Carried ______ Defeated _______ PRESIDING OFFICER’S INITIAL: ______

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