

To Chair and Members, Corporate Services Committee

In light of so many fatal tragedies involving cell phone use by drivers, I would like to raise this as it relates to cellphone usage by City of London drivers.

In spite of a Province-wide ban using hand-held devices, sadly, this practice still continues on the road. For many City of London staff, driving is a big element of what they do.

All staff are equipped with the City of London Driver Development Program which includes the following wording:

12.2 Cellular phones (talking or texting) are not to be used while operating a vehicle or equipment (e.g. trackless, wing person) that is in motion. The exception to this rule is where a hands-free device is utilized; even then the vehicle should be stopped in a safe location so the driver is not distracted with the call.

For the safety of all, and a lead-by-example model, I am requesting that we reinforce the message that drivers are not to use cellphones while driving, but rather they find a safe place to pull over and check voicemail and email messages.

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