

September 8, 2016

Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

Re: Minister of Children and Youth Services – Road Hockey – Letting Kids Play

The Provincial Government's Minister of Children and Youth Services, Michael Coteau has circulated the attached open letter to Municipal Councils requesting support of his initiative to remove any barriers that would prevent children from participating in road hockey. Specifically, he references that the City of Toronto Council recently "overturn(ed) their ban on road hockey". The initiative is being undertaken to encourage children to also play outside of structured sports or recreation programs.

It is my understanding that although the City of London's Streets By-law, By-law S-1 does not specifically reference "road hockey", the By-law does prohibit activities that would obstruct any street which could be interrupted to include the use of the street for road hockey purposes.

In response to the Minister's invitation, I respectfully request that the following recommendation be supported:

"The Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review and report back to a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee with a recommendation on what measures could be put in place to permit road hockey to be played on the street, while keeping in mind the safety of our streets for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic."

Respectfully submitted,



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