Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER’S MOTION NO. /2022-2023

Motion on
Implementing Traffic Calming and Safety Measures Along Roads in Red Bay and Prospect

WHEREAS the 2021 Cayman Islands Census reports that the population of George Town is now almost 35,000 people – about 49% of the entire population of the Cayman Islands - and more than the combined population of West Bay and Bodden Town;

AND WHEREAS the 2021 Census also reports that there are over 19,000 private vehicles in George Town, meaning that almost 40% of the residents in George Town own a car;

AND WHEREAS the Red Bay and Prospect constituencies are among the fastest growing and most populous communities in George Town;

AND WHEREAS the roads in the Red Bay and Prospect communities are heavily travelled, not just by residents of those two constituencies, but also by traffic travelling to and from the eastern districts;

AND WHEREAS the Red Bay and Prospect constituencies are home to six schools, including three - Lighthouse School, Red Bay Primary and the Achievement Centre - along the busy stretch of Shamrock Road from Brown’s On The Run Gas Station to the Tomlinson Roundabout;

AND WHEREAS there is inadequate provision of sidewalks along the aforementioned roads;

AND WHEREAS the Elected Member for Red Bay receives many complaints of near misses, dangerous driving and, in particular, speeding along Red Bay and Prospect constituency roads, particularly on Shamrock Road, Marina Drive, Selkirk Drive and Abbey Way;

AND WHEREAS such dangerous driving poses risk to life and limb in what are family communities with many people, including children, walking, cycling, as well as travelling on motorbikes and electric scooters;

AND WHEREAS the constituencies of Red Bay and Prospect Park have been the scene of fatal motor vehicle accidents over the years, the most recent being a fatal single car collision on Mangrove Avenue in February 2022;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of Government to ensure the safety of public roads, including the provision of sidewalks in heavily travelled areas, specifying places to overtake safely, safe speed limits and appropriate traffic calming measures;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in order to ensure the safety of the roads in the Red Bay and Prospect communities, as a matter of urgency the Government do CONSIDER authorizing and instructing the responsible agency or agencies to provide sidewalks in heavily travelled areas and suitable traffic calming measures, including speed humps as required generally, but especially along Selkirk Drive, Abbey Way and Marina Drive.

Moved By: __________________
Sir Alden McLaughlin MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Seconded By: __________________
Barbara Conolly, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

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Motion on
Requiring The Introduction Of School Busses For Private Schools.

WHEREAS the issue of traffic and traffic delays, especially during the morning rush hour, continues to be a major concern to everyone in these Islands;

AND WHEREAS this House has debated the issue recently, and some Members of this House have held public meetings on the topic;

AND WHEREAS the Premier has recently noted his desire to remove up to 1,000 cars from the roads to help alleviate the traffic congestion;

AND WHEREAS during periods when schools are not in session, there is a noticeable reduction in traffic during the usual morning rush hours;

AND WHEREAS the June 2020 Report by a Committee on Vehicle Importation and Transportation included a recommendation to mandate private schools to purchase their own school busses for transporting students to school or utilise the services of private sector companies providing this service;

AND WHEREAS it is acknowledged by the experts that solving Cayman's traffic issues will require the use of communal means of transport, such car sharing and using public transport and other means, such as the private schools providing bussing options for their students;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that as a matter of urgency the Government CONSIDER mandating private schools to provide bussing options for their students by either purchasing their own school busses or utilising the services of the private sector companies providing this service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance of foregoing resolution, the Government CONSIDER offering duty concession incentives to private schools if they seek to purchase their own busses.

Moved By: ______________
Sir Alden McLaughlin MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Seconded By: ______________
Joey Hew MP
Elected Member for George Town North
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