



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period October 1-31, 2025

## **Speed cameras work, but do generate revenue. Is the solution investing that money to redesign safer streets?**

October 2 2025, The Globe And Mail

Automated speed cameras are catching drivers in cities across Canada, but some officials such as Ontario Premier Doug Ford see them as a “tax grab” and wants them banned. Last week, he announced they will be outlawed across the province with legislation this fall.

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## **20 Ontario mayors propose compromise on speed cameras, say total ban would endanger lives**

October 2 2025, CTV NEWS

Twenty Ontario mayors are urging Premier Doug Ford not to implement a total ban on automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras, proposing a compromise to keep them in school zones.

“A total ban on ASE would reverse years of progress on safety in school zones. It would place more pressure on police, increase enforcement costs and most critically, endanger lives,” reads the letter addressed to Ford and Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria and signed by the mayors.

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## **Kelowna using crash data to identify risk before traffic collisions occur**

October 2 2025, Castanet

The City of Kelowna says it is utilizing “proactive, data-driven approaches” in an effort to make city streets safer for everyone.

At the urging of Coun. Loyal Wooldridge, city staff prepared a comprehensive report outlining collision trends and steps it is taking to improve road safety.

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## **Several factors eyed in rise of fatal collisions on Edmonton streets this year**

October 5 2025, CTV News

The number of fatal traffic collisions in Edmonton may be alarmingly up from last year, but officials say it’s too soon to tell what the causes might be.

Edmonton police first raised an alarm over the number of deadly crashes this year in late May, when three people died over two days in separate collisions.

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## The youth tax: A 20-year-old new driver could be paying over \$13,000 for insurance a year

October 6 2025, Rates.ca

Older people like to blame the youth for society's ailments, but there are a few instances where it's sometimes justified. Road safety might be one of them. According to data pulled from the Rates.ca auto insurance quoter, drivers under 25 - particularly males - are significantly more likely to be involved in dangerous driving incidents than all other age groups.

Generally – and unsurprisingly – when it comes to driving, the older and more experienced you are, the safer you are on the roads. For example, 0.35% of male drivers over the age of 60 years old reported receiving serious or major tickets in their driving history, while 0.62% of those age 45 to 59 did\*.

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## Building Safer Streets: How Near Miss Data is Preventing Crashes Before They Happen

October 9 2025, The Globe And Mail

Every day in North America, pedestrians and cyclists encounter life-threatening near misses at busy intersections, incidents that often go unreported but signal where tragedy could strike next. A new nationwide study from the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) and Miovision shows the scale of the risk: one in every 770 pedestrians and one in every 500 cyclists face a high- or critical-risk near miss daily, with more than 616,000 near misses recorded at just 20 intersections.

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## Speed cameras work, London council says in push back to Ford's planned province-wide ban

October 14 2025, CBC

London city council is reiterating its strong support for municipal speed cameras, pushing back against comments Premier Doug Ford has made about the provincial program he has pledged to scrap.

During a council meeting Tuesday, councillors voted unanimously to amend and endorse an Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolution calling on the province to work with municipalities, and create a “strengthened and standardized provincial framework” to support speed camera programs.

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## Speeding, distracted and impaired driving top violations during CVSA's Operation Safe Driver Week

October 15 2025, trucknews.com

Law enforcement officers in Canada and the U.S. pulled over 8,739 vehicles during this year's Operation Safe Driver Week, issuing 3,230 warnings and 1,839 tickets/citations to commercial and passenger vehicle drivers for unsafe driving behaviors. Meanwhile, passenger vehicle drivers received 345 warnings and 665 tickets.

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## Vehicle pedestrian detection getting better, still not perfect: AAA

October 20 2025, Driving.ca

When drivers fail to stop for pedestrians, vehicles overall are getting better at detecting and stopping for them, but “there is still more work to be done,” especially at night, according to a new study by the American Automobile Association (AAA).

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## AI traffic lights helped fix a Quebec town’s gridlock. An expert says Toronto may not see the same success

October 20 2025, CTV News

A Quebec municipality is solving gridlock using an artificial intelligence-powered traffic light system that the town says is already decreasing congestion and increasing safety for commuters and pedestrians.

In February, Kirkland, a suburb on the Island of Montreal, installed the traffic lights at every intersection along Saint-Charles Boulevard - a 6-lane boulevard, the town says has seen an increased volume of traffic.

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## **Rob Shaw: B.C. bill to scrap second road test for new drivers cruises through legislature, safety concerns abound**

October 22 2025, check news

New B.C. drivers will soon have one less road test before getting their full driver's licence, under changes the B.C. government is pushing through the legislature this week. But not everyone is convinced it will make the roads safer.

The legislation would scrap the second road test for young drivers in 2026. That test currently occurs after a driver has spent two years with their novice N licence. Instead, it would be replaced by a requirement that a driver have a clean two-year record, at which point they would automatically graduate up to their full licence.

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## **More than a ban on speed cameras: Here's what you need to know about Ontario's Bill 56**

October 26 2025, CBC

Ontario's Bill 56, called the Building a More Competitive Economy Act, was tabled on Monday and it does more than just ban automated speed cameras.

It's an omnibus bill that amends more than a dozen laws – from environmental protections to health-care licensing and labour mobility – all with the aim of making Ontario “the most competitive place in the G7 to invest, create jobs and do business,” according to the provincial government.

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## Road safety report shows increase in deaths this year in Halifax

October 27 2025, CBC

New data on road safety in Halifax shows 2025 is the deadliest in recent years. The city's annual road safety report says that as of August, more than 20 people have died this year, a jump from six fatal collisions last year and 11 in 2023. This staff note in the report is a "undesirable trend."

"This upward trend demonstrates a need to increase organization-wide commitment to prioritizing road safety...to address the challenges of a growing city and increased demands on drivers' attention," it states.

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