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His Worship Jim Watson
Mayor
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Avenue West
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Dear Mayor Watson:

Thank you for your letter sent to Premier Wynne regarding Ottawa City Council's request to amend the *Highway Traffic Act* and Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7, Temporary Conditions. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

The Ministry of Transportation is open to discussions regarding the future of policing with partner ministries such as the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ministry of Labour. However, authorizing alternatives to sworn police officers concerning the right to direct traffic in a range of circumstances is primarily a policing issue and falls outside our ministry's mandate.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is working on a Strategy for a Safer Ontario, which includes reviewing current police officer duties that could be performed by other types of positions in future. We look forward to the strategy's release and will work with our partner ministries and others to move forward with its recommendations.

Thank you again for sharing this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Del Duca'.

Steven Del Duca
Minister

- c. ✓ Councillor Eli El-Chantiry, Chair, Ottawa Police Services Board
Charles Bordeleau, Chief, Ottawa Police Service
The Honourable David Orazietti, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario