

## Motion

### **Hand-Held Devices Ban for Motor Vehicle Drivers**

WHEREAS distracted driving affects more than just drivers and passengers on our roads;

AND WHEREAS the 2008 "NWT Traffic Collision Facts Report" shows a 17% increase in collisions, and identifies that 16% of those collisions result from 'loss of control';

AND WHEREAS cell phone service is available in seven of our communities to approximately 75% of NWT residents;

AND WHEREAS cell phone use is increasing across the territory;

AND WHEREAS drivers using cell phones and hand-held devices are four times more likely to be involved in a collision;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Automobile Association reports that the number one cause of motor vehicle accidents is cell phone use while driving;

AND WHEREAS five provinces have banned or will be banning hand-held device use while driving;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends that the NWT *Motor Vehicle Act* be amended to ban the use of hand-held devices while driving;

AND FURTHER, that the Department of Transportation initiate a comprehensive public awareness campaign to inform the public about the risks of driving while distracted.



Date of Notice:

November 2, 2009

Moved by:

Ms. Bisaro

Date of Introduction:

November 4, 2009

Seconded by:

Mr. Hawkins

Disposition:

Defeated RV

Carried:

Ruled Out of Order: