

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – JUNE 17, 2002

VARIOUS SCHOOLS PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That a school crossing guard be implemented at each of the following thirteen locations for the nine new schools opening in September 2002:

1. St. James Catholic Elementary School
 - Mast Road/Del Francesco Way intersection (north side)
2. St. Emily Catholic Elementary School
 - Vellore Woods Boulevard/Comdell Boulevard intersection (north side)
 - Comdell Boulevard/Plover Heights intersection (east side)
3. St. Agnus of Assisi Catholic Elementary School
 - Fossil Hill Road/La Rocca Avenue intersection (south side)
 - La Rocca Avenue/Comoq Avenue intersection (east side)
4. St. Stevens Catholic Elementary School
 - Napa Valley Avenue/Casta Vista Drive intersection (south side)
5. West Maple Creek Elementary, on Hawker Road
 - no new crossing guards required
6. Urban Village II Block 17 Elementary, on Forest Run Boulevard
 - Dufferin Hill Drive/Forest Run Boulevard intersection (west side)
 - Ten Oakes Boulevard/Forest Run Boulevard intersection (west side)
7. Melville North Elementary, on Melville Avenue
 - Drummond Drive/Cranston Park Drive intersection (south side)
 - Melville Avenue/Maple Meadows Lane intersection (east side)
8. Woodbridge Expansion Elementary, on Napa Valley Avenue
 - Napa Valley Avenue/Sunset Ridge intersection (west side)
9. Urban Village I Block 32W Elementary, on Hawstone Road
 - Vellore Woods Boulevard/Hawstone Road (south side)
 - Hawstone Road/Tem Drive intersection (east side).

Purpose

The York Catholic District School Board and the York Region District School Board have advised the Engineering Department of the opening of nine new schools for September 2002. In response, staff are recommending the implementation of several school crossing guards in the vicinity of the new schools.

Background - Analysis and Options

In the past the Engineering Department has requested notification from the school boards when new schools are to be opened in the City of Vaughan. This information would allow staff to determine appropriate locations for school crossing guards prior to a school's opening. The

Engineering Department received a letter from the York Catholic District School Board on April 9, 2002, advising of the opening of four new catholic elementary schools in the City, and a letter from the York Region District School Board on April 12, 2002, advising of the opening of five new elementary schools in the City, by September 2002.

The following are names and locations for the four York Catholic District School Board schools:

1. St. James Catholic Elementary School, on the northeast corner of Mast Road and Del Francesco Way.
2. St. Emily Catholic Elementary School, on the northwest corner of Vellore Woods Boulevard and Comdell Boulevard.
3. St. Agnus of Assisi Catholic Elementary School, on the north side of La Rocca Avenue between Fossil Hill Road and Bologna Road.
4. St. Stevens Catholic Elementary School, on the south side of Napa Valley Avenue opposite Casta Vista Drive.

The following are locations for the five York Region District School Board schools (names for these school have not yet been released):

5. Block 25, on the west side of Hawker Road south of the existing Blessed Trinity Catholic School – West Maple Creek Elementary.
6. Block 17, on the west side of Forest Run Boulevard between Ten Oaks Boulevard and Dufferin Hills Drive – Urban Village II Elementary.
7. Block 26, on the southwest corner of Melville Avenue/Drummond Drive and Cranston Park Avenue – Melville North Elementary.
8. Woodbridge Expansion Area, on the south side of Napa Valley Avenue opposite Sunset Ridge – Woodbridge Expansion Elementary.
9. Block 32W, on the north side Hawstone Road between Vellore Woods Boulevard and Starling Boulevard – Urban Village I Elementary.

The locations of these schools are shown on Attachment No. 1.

During the first two weeks of May 2002, staff reviewed the location and surrounding road network for the new schools in order to recommend appropriate school crossing guard locations prior to each school's opening. Based on the review, it is recommended that thirteen new school crossing guards be implemented at these nine schools. There are existing school crossing guards for Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School, and it is recommended that the new school located on Hawker Drive next to Blessed Trinity utilize the same crossing guards in the same locations.

Staff will confirm the appropriateness of these locations in September 2002 and will recommend changes/additions/deletions to the number of school crossing guards as deemed necessary. Staff will also arrange to have designated 40 km/h school speed zones implemented on the adjacent roadways of each school prior to their opening.

Conclusion

It is recommended that school crossing guards be implemented at the locations specified to aid children walking to and from nine new elementary schools.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

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