

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 16, 2003**

### **VELLORE WOODS BOULEVARD SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS ADDITIONAL REVIEW**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That provision of additional school crossing guard locations be subject to further staff review in September 2003 when elementary students return to school and the walking patterns of students attending both the Vellore Woods Public School and St. Emily Catholic School can be determined.

#### **Purpose**

In November 2002, Council considered a report entitled "Vellore Woods Public School, School Crossing Guards – Secondary Review". It included a deputation and written submission by Ms. Victoria Hudec of the Vellore Woods Ratepayers Association. As a result of that report, adult crossing guard stations were relocated to the intersection Starling Boulevard/Fox Hound Crescent (north side) and to the intersection of Ashberry Boulevard/Fox Hound Crescent (east side) within the Vellore Woods Subdivision. (Refer to Attachment No. 1)

In addition, that report was adopted with the following Council resolution:

*"That no additional marked school crossings be created on Vellore Woods Boulevard at the present time and that staff continue to monitor the walking patterns of students attending both Vellore Woods Public School and St. Emily Catholic School"*

Staff can report on the interim findings regarding walking patterns of students to both of these schools. However, numerous municipal sidewalk links in this developing neighbourhood are only recently nearing completion as continuous links that significantly affect student walking patterns.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Many students are currently being driven over to both school sites or they arrive by bus largely due to the unfinished character of the neighbourhood. Both school boards tend to temporarily bus students until suitable walking paths are available in partly finished developments. Staff has checked and there is currently no obvious walk-in pattern of students to either school site from the homes in the northeast sector of the neighbourhood. This involves walking trips to/from the homes situated north of Vellore Woods Park and those northeast of the Don River tributary.

Continuous municipal sidewalk links on both sides of Vellore Woods Boulevard are only very recently being completed by the developer. Therefore, it is possible that one or more additional crossing guard intersections may be warranted on Vellore Woods Boulevard after September 2003. For example, an adult guard on the north side of the Ashberry Boulevard and Vellore Woods intersection might become suitable for students living in homes north of Vellore Woods Park. However, staff should determine the actual demand for road crossing assistance prior to making firm recommendations on school crossing guard locations.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that further observations of student walking patterns in the Vellore Woods Community be conducted in September 2003 prior to any provision of additional school crossing guards.

**Attachments**

1. Location Map.

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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS VELLORE WOODS BLOCK 32 WEST COMMUNITY

### LEGEND

-  EXISTING SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING
-  POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING SUBJECT TO FURTHER STUDY



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