

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- NOVEMBER 29, 2004

IMPROVING CHILD SAFETY AT ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Recommendation

Councillor Carella recommends:

1. That the petition from St. Angela Merici Catholic School and Council be received; and
2. That the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works be directed to provide a report on the following:
 - a) the feasibility of installing flashing yellow lights in both directions in the vicinity of the crosswalk/speed hump on Martin Grove Road at St. Angela Merici School;
 - b) the feasibility of paving a portion of the boulevard to the width of the crosswalk in front of the school on the north side of Martin Grove Road in order to permit access to the crosswalk from the sidewalk, with a curb that slopes to the grade of the roadway at this point; and
 - c) the feasibility of providing a "No Parking" zone in the vicinity of the crosswalk and providing clearly marked signage on poles placed for that purpose and/or by the marking of lines on the roadway as permitted by Provincial regulation.

Purpose

To ensure the safety of students making their way to and from school.

Background - Analysis and Options

Two crossing guards were previously assigned at St. Angela Merici C.S. and one has been eliminated. To ensure the safety of pupils who cross Martin Grove Road on a daily basis, the principal and parent council chair seek enhancements to the site which they feel will make it safer for children who must cross Martin Grove Road to access the school.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The re-location of the crossing guard to the above location will address the concerns regarding the safety of the students.

Attachment

Letter co-signed by Mrs. Ada Marchesini, Mr. Elio Bruno, and Mrs. Kay Tatangelo, along with signatures of parents endorsing the requests contained in the letter,

Report prepared by:

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella

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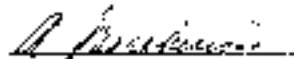
Dear Mr. Tony Carella

Further to our e-mails dated October 14, 2004 We had our council meeting on Thursday, November 4th, 2004 and went over what we wanted regarding the crossing guard on Martin Grove in front of our school for the safety of the children.

These are some of the recommendations from the school community would like to see

1. A visible overhead sign indicating the existence of an impending cross walk, and as per your suggestion school crossing sign with flashing lights like the one on Kipling Avenue north of Highway #7.
2. Create a walkway so that parents/students and a crossing guard can access the sidewalk in the winter or rainy days and remove existing standard curb with a flat curb to the ground.
3. The NO PARKING ZONE make it more visible to drivers, by marking with orange lures.

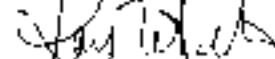
Please forward these recommendations to your future committee meetings. Please keep us posted with any updates. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.



Mrs. Ada Marchesini
Principal of School



Mr. Elio Bruno
Chair of School Council



Mrs. Kay Tatangelo

(See attached list of signatures that attended the council meeting)

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