

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 16, 2005**

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

Local and Regional Councillor Linda Jackson recommends:

THAT staff be directed to conduct studies of pedestrian crossings to determine if additional crossing guards are warranted, and

THAT the studies be conducted for St. Clare school at Santa Barbara Place and Velmar Drive, for Divine Mercy school at Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive, for Blessed Trinity school at Hawker Road and Springside Road, for Holy Family school at Conley Street and New Westminster Drive, for St. John Bosco school at Belview Avenue and Stan Gate, and for St. Gregory the Great school at Valeria Boulevard and Greenpark Boulevard, and

THAT funds be allocated to the budget for additional crossing guards if warranted at these locations.

#### **Purpose**

To provide supervised pedestrian crossings for students accessing schools within the City of Vaughan.

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

Presently, in accordance to the HTA, a school crossing guard will cross children at a designated location where there are school crossing signs and markings present. It has come to the councillor's attention that several crossing guards within the City of Vaughan are under pressure from parents to cross the children at unmarked sides of the intersection.

Staff is not aware of any other municipality that allows a school crossing guard to cross two sides of an intersection.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

#### **Conclusion**

The foregoing will provide safe pedestrian access to school within the City of Vaughan.

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Respectfully submitted,

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