

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD THORNHILL WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOL ADDENDUM REPORT

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That a school crossing guard be approved for the new Thornhill Woods Public School.

Economic Impact

The cost to implement one additional school crossing guard would have an immediate impact to the 2005 Crossing Guard Budget of \$3,300. Future costs will commence with the 2006 Operating Budget. This increase to the budget will not be able to be absorbed given that the recommended guard compliment for September 2005 exceeds the budget, Council approved Crossing Guard cap of 80. The annual cost of increasing the cap to 81 Crossing Guards will be an increase of \$8,100 commencing with the 2006 Operating Budget.

Purpose

To provide additional information on adding a new school crossing guard for Thornhill Woods Public School.

Background - Analysis and Options

Staff have been recently informed that Thornhill Woods Public School, located on the east side of Thornhill Woods Drive and south of Autumn Hill Boulevard, is now open for the start of the 2005/2006 school year. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

Accordingly, staff recommends that funds for a new school crossing guard be approved.

Staff will conduct traffic studies to determine the most appropriate school crossing guard location, and follow up with the School Board regarding the catchment area. Staff will report on the proposed location for the Council meeting on September 12, 2005.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 which seeks to improve community safety through design, prevention, enforcement and education (1.1) through the review of the level of enforcement, compliance and monitoring of regulations relating to public safety (1.1.6).

Conclusion

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council. Staff are recommending that the approved cap of 80 be increased to 81 with the understanding that the 2005 Crossing Guard Budget will be exceeded by the corresponding additional expense of \$3,300. Staff are also recommending that resources be put in place and the 2006 Crossing Guard Budget be this additional guard.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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Attachment No. 1

Thornhill Woods PS Attendance Boundary

