

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 5, 2007

REQUEST FOR A CROSSING GUARD AT ST. PADRE PIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that a crossing guard be implemented in front of the school, at Sgotto Blvd. and Napa Valley Ave. to assist the students crossing from south to north and vice versa.

Economic Impact

The cost of hiring a crossing guard

Purpose

To ensure the safety of students making their way to and from school. Staff review and report to the March 5, 2007, Committee of the Whole Meeting the feasibility of implementing the crossing guard in front of the school.

Background - Analysis and Options

Presently there is a crossing guard at Forest Fountain Drive and Napa Valley Avenue to assist the students crossing east to west and vice versa. This crossing guard does not assist the children crossing north to south and many parents feel that another guard is required at St. Padre Pio Catholic School. Many parents of the students attending the school feel that a crossing guard is necessary to ensure the safety of the children in the area. Several parents have also expressed that they would stop accompanying their children by car/on foot if a crossing guard was installed.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report recommends a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Conclusion

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

Attachments

Letter from Principal Marchesini.

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella

ST. PADRE PIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

January 8, 2007

Mayor and Members of Council
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.
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Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

On behalf of the staff, students and parents of St. Padre Pio Catholic School we would like to express concern for the safety of our children. A crossing guard has been designated to assist with crossings at Forrest Fountain and Napa Valley Ave, however the concern is twofold. The assigned crossing guard is assisting children crossing east to west and vice versa, this guard does not assist crossing north to south and vice versa. We are kindly asking the City of Vaughan to reconsider the cross guard allocations for this school. ~~We would like to see a crossing guard in front of the school, perhaps at Sgore Blvd and Napa Valley to assist our students who need to cross from south to north and vice versa.~~ Safety is of first priority for our students and we urgently and kindly request your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. A. Marchesini
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