

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – AUGUST 19, 2002**

### **MAPLE CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That a school crossing guard be implemented at each of the following locations:

1. Melville Avenue and Avro Road, north side of intersection; and
2. On Melville Avenue, at the walkway to the West Maple Creek East Park approximately 85 metres north of Eddington Place.

#### **Purpose**

A request was received from the Principal of Maple Creek Elementary School for school crossing guards at the intersection of Melville Avenue and Avro Road and on Melville Avenue. The school will be open to students in September 2002.

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

In response to the request, staff reviewed the feasibility of implementing a school crossing guard at both locations. The Principal indicated that he had received several registrations from parents who have recently moved to three new subdivisions (Maple Creek Lands, Sylwol Developments and Romsey Fiston) located on the west side of Melville Avenue. Maple Creek Elementary School is located on Hawker Road beside the existing Blessed Trinity Catholic School. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

Staff reviewed the suggested locations in the field and recommend that school crossing guards be implemented at the following locations:

1. On the north side of the Melville Avenue and Avro Road; and
2. On Melville Avenue, at the walkway to the West Maple Creek East Park located approximately 85 metres north of Eddington Place. The park provides access from Melville Avenue to Maple Creek Elementary and Blessed Trinity Catholic School.

The second location coincides with the location of a raised centre median that will be constructed on Melville Avenue in September 2002 as part of the approved Maple Landings Traffic Committee plan. The raised centre median will further enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing Melville Avenue.

Staff will confirm the appropriateness of these locations in September 2002 and will recommend changes/additions/deletions to the number of school crossing guards as deemed necessary. Staff will also arrange to install stopping prohibition signs 30 metres either side of the school crossing locations to ensure sufficient visibility of the school crossing guards and children.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on our review, it is recommended that a school crossing guard be implemented on the north side of the Melville Avenue and Avro Road intersection and on Melville Avenue at the walkway to the West Maple Creek East Park located approximately 85 metres north of Eddington Place.

**Attachments**

1. Location Map

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# ATTACHMENT No. 1

