

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – MAY 20, 2003**

### **HOLY JUBILEE CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That a school crossing guard be relocated from Cranston Park Avenue and Issac Murray Avenue, north side of intersection, to Issac Murray Avenue and Royal Ridge Crescent (East), west side of intersection; and
2. That school crossing guards be implemented for the start of the 2003/2004 school year at the following two locations:
  - Drummond Drive and Montieth Crescent, west side of intersection; and
  - Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue, east side of intersection.

#### **Purpose**

A request was received from the Principal of Holy Jubilee Catholic School for school crossing guards at the intersections of Drummond Drive and Montieth Crescent, Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue, and on Issac Murray Avenue opposite the school.

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

In response to the request, staff reviewed the feasibility of implementing school crossing guards at the above locations. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

At present, attending students who live south of Drummond Drive are being taken to school by bus, as construction activity is on-going on both St. Joan of Arc Avenue north of Drummond Drive and at Montieth Crescent. It is expected that the construction will continue for the remainder of the 2002/2003 school year. After that, the buses will be discontinued and students will walk to school.

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

1. On the west side of Drummond Drive and Montieth Crescent;
2. On the east side of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue; and
3. Relocate the existing school crossing guard from the north side of Cranston Park Avenue and Issac Murray Avenue, to the west side of Issac Murray Avenue and Royal Ridge Crescent (east intersection).

It is recommended that the first two locations be for the start of the 2003/2004 school year to coincide with the completion of construction in the area. They would provide logical paths for students to reach Holy Jubilee School by either St. Joan of Arc Avenue or the pedestrian walkway via Montieth Crescent.

The third location was reviewed on March 25, 2003. During the morning start and afternoon dismissal times it was noted that 25 and 32 children, respectively, crossed Issac Murray Avenue in the vicinity of the school. Staff reviewed the existing school crossing location at the north side of Cranston Park Avenue and Issac Murray Avenue on April 24, 2003. During the morning start

and afternoon dismissal times it was noted that only 3 and 0 children, respectively, crossed the intersection.

Based on these reviews, it is recommended that the existing school crossing guard be relocated to the west side of Issac Murray Avenue and Royal Ridge Crescent (east intersection).

Staff will confirm the appropriateness of the three locations in September 2003 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 school crossing guards be implemented on the west side of Drummond Drive and Montieth Crescent, and on the east side of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. It is also recommended that the existing school crossing guard on the north side of Cranston Park Avenue and Issac Murray Avenue be relocated to the west side of the east intersection of Issac Murray Avenue and Royal Ridge Crescent.

### **Attachments**

1. Location Map

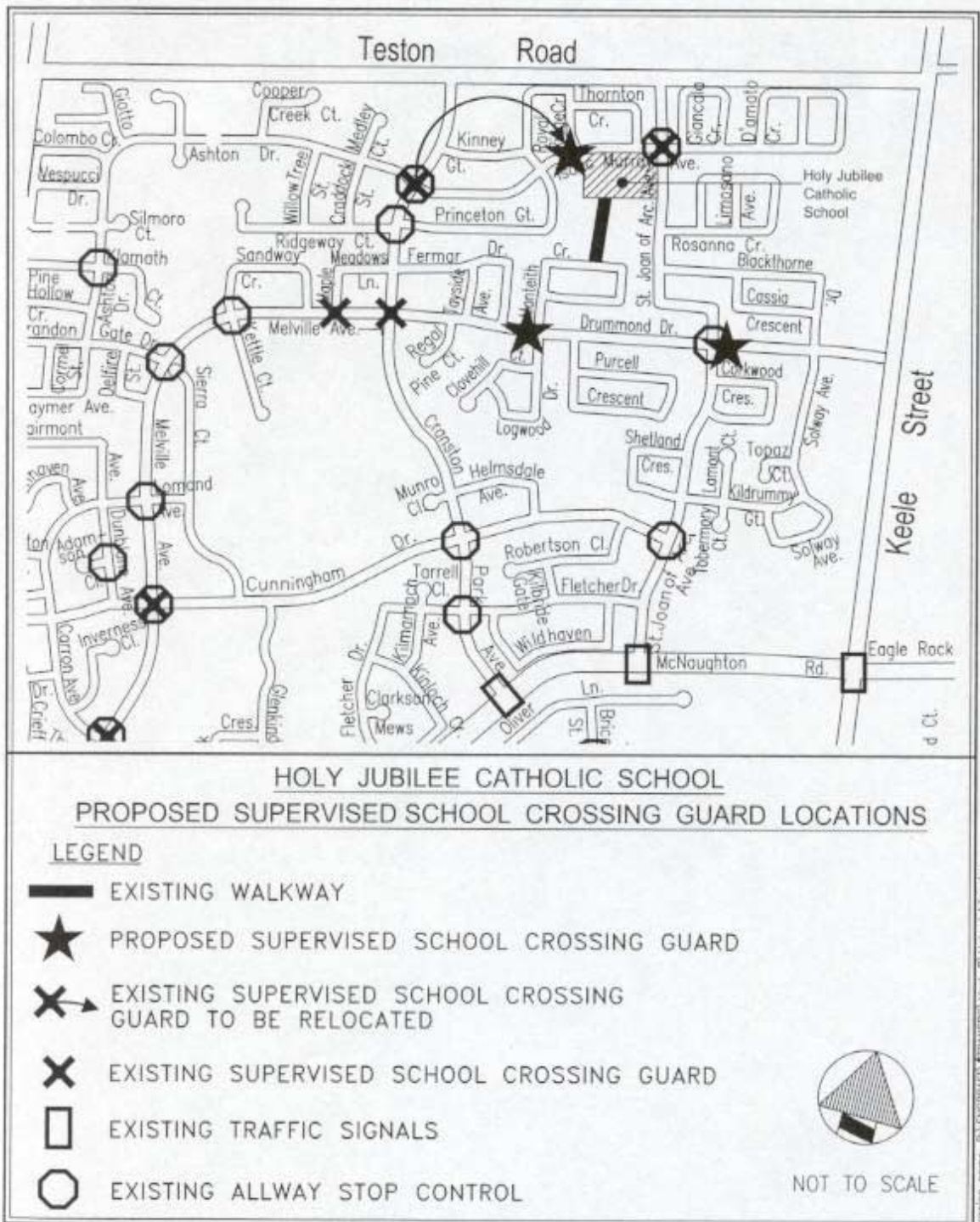
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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



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