

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – AUGUST 18, 2003

VARIOUS SCHOOLS 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 three locations for the two new schools opening in 2003:

1. Bakersfield Public School
 - Misty Sugar Trail/Treecrest Drive intersection (east side)
2. Fossil Hill Public School
 - Fossil Hill Road/Davos Road intersection (west side)
 - Fossil Hill Road/Villa Royale Avenue intersection (north side)

Purpose

The York Region District School Board advised the Engineering Department of the opening of two new schools in 2003. In response, staff are recommending the implementation of several school crossing guards in the vicinity of the new schools.

Background - Analysis and Options

In the past the Engineering Department has requested notification from the school boards when new schools are to be opened in the City of Vaughan. This information would allow staff to determine appropriate locations for school crossing guards prior to a school's opening. Bakersfield Public School is set to open September 2, 2003. Fossil Hill Public School is scheduled to open later in 2003, but an exact date has not yet been set. The York Region Catholic School Board has indicated no new schools are scheduled for opening in 2003.

The following are locations for the two York Region District School Board schools.

1. Bakersfield Public School, 121 Misty Sugar Trail. Block 20, on the south side of Misty Sugar Trail east of Pleasant Ridge Avenue.
2. Fossil Hill Public School, 420 Fossil Hill Road. Block 39, on the west side of Fossil Hill Road opposite Villa Royale Avenue.

The locations of these schools are shown on Attachment No. 1.

During the first week of July 2003, staff reviewed the location and surrounding road network for the new schools in order to recommend appropriate school crossing guard locations prior to each school's opening. Based on the review, it is recommended that three new school crossing guards be implemented at these two schools as outlined in the recommendation.

Staff will confirm the appropriateness of these locations when both schools are open and will recommend changes/additions/deletions to the number of school crossing guards as deemed necessary.

Conclusion

It is recommended that school crossing guards be implemented at the locations specified to aid children walking to and from two new elementary schools.

Attachments

1. Location Map – Proposed School Crossing Guards

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