

**BUDGET COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

**MELVILLE AVENUE AND CUNNINGHAM DRIVE  
PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services recommends:

1. That subject to funding approval, a school crossing guard be approved on the west side of the intersection of Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive; and
2. That funds, in the amount of \$9,420 be referred to the 2007 Operating Budget for the additional school crossing guard.

**Economic Impact**

The cost to implement one additional school crossing guard would have an impact to the 2007 Operating Budget. The annual cost of the additional Crossing Guard will be an increase of \$9,420 commencing with the 2007 Operating Budget.

**Communications Plan**

That upon approval by Council, the York Region District School Board, York Catholic Separate School Board, Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School Principal, and School Community Council be notified of Council's decision in this matter.

**Purpose**

To review the feasibility of implementing a second school crossing guard for the Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive intersection, in response to a request from the Principal of Divine Mercy Catholic School.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Staff received a request from the Principal of Divine Mercy Catholic school for an additional school crossing Guard at the intersection of Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive. There is currently a crossing guard located on Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive on the south side of the intersection. This guard is in place from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, and 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School is located on the south-east corner of Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive, and Michael Cranny Public Elementary School is located on the north-east corner of Melville Avenue and Roseheath Drive. (See Attachment No. 1 for the area network).

A turning movement count was conducted on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. The pedestrians crossing from 7:30 am – 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm are summarized below:

	North Side	South Side	East Side	West Side
7:30 am – 9:00 am	7	82	13	53
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	4	183	34	94

A school crossing guard is recommended in accordance with the Council approved warrant when the number of unassisted children crossing the road exceeds 50 in the peak hour. Based on the traffic study and warrant, staff recommends that a new school crossing guard be implemented on

the west side of the Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive intersection. In addition, that funds be approved in the 2007 Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,420 for the hiring of the guard.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

**Regional Implications**

Not Applicable.

**Conclusion**

Based on a review, Staff recommends that a school crossing guard be implemented on the west leg side of the Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive intersection.

**Attachments**

1. Location Map

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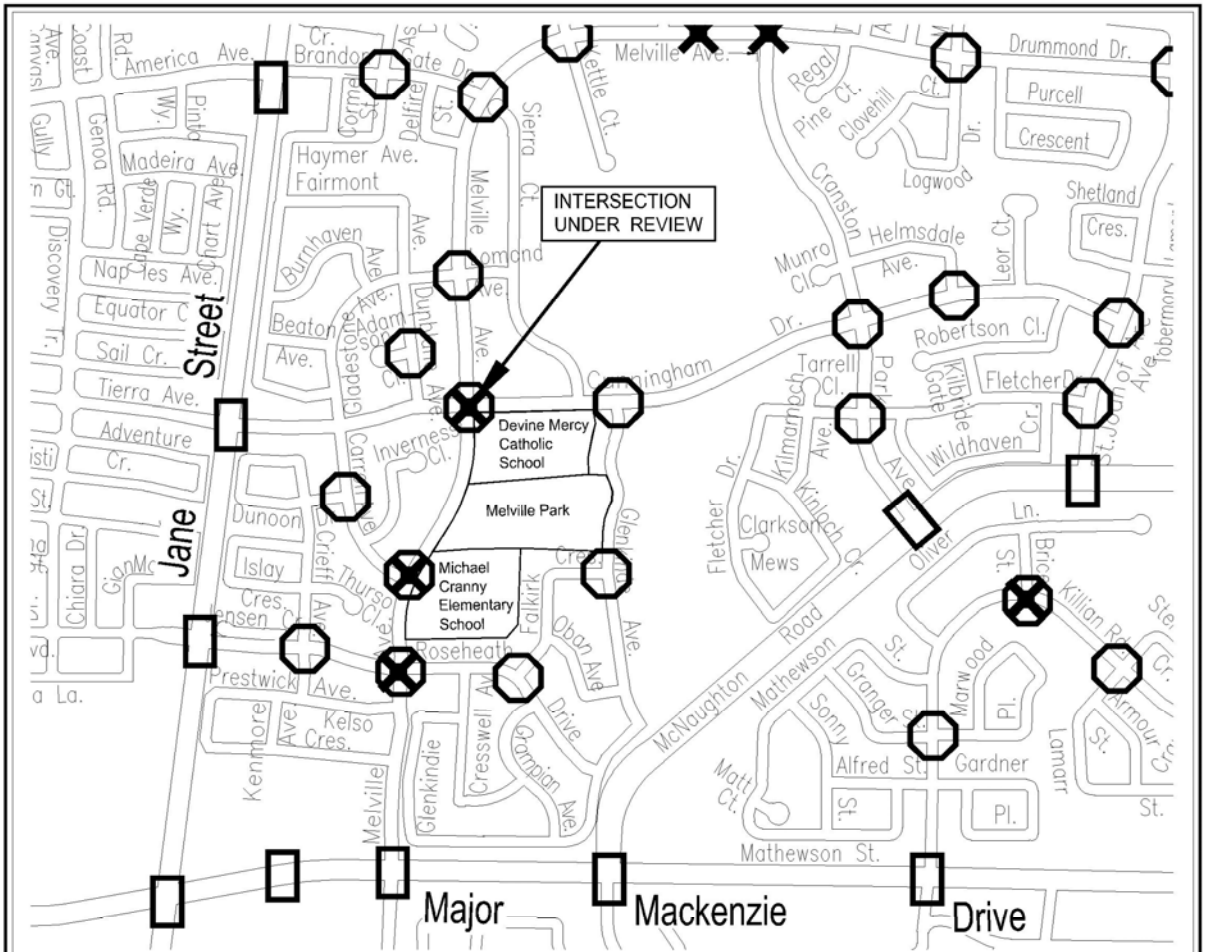
Respectfully submitted,

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



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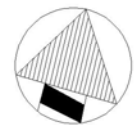
# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## MELVILLE AVENUE & CUNNINGHAM DRIVE PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

### LEGEND

-  INTERSECTION UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL
-  EXISTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD



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