

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 3, 2008

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD HOLY JUBILEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Human Resources recommends:

That a supervised school crossing be implemented for the west side of the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue.

Economic Impact

Sufficient funding is available in the 2008 Operating Budget to permit implementation of the supervised school crossing as soon as the pavement marking and recruitment processes are complete. The ongoing cost of operation will be incorporated into future Operating Budgets.

Communications Plan

Engineering Services Staff will advise the school and the school board of Council's decision in this matter.

Purpose

To review the need for a crossing guard at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request was received by a local resident to review the pedestrian crossing activity at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. Holy Jubilee Elementary School is located on the southwest corner of Isaac Murray Avenue and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. There is an existing crossing guard for this school at the intersection of Isaac Murray Avenue and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. The area is shown in Attachment No. 1.

A field study was conducted on May 21, and May 28, at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue to determine the number of children crossing. The results were as follows:

Time	North Side	South Side	East side	West side
8:00 am – 9:00 am	2 (0)	3 (0)	21 (2)	14 (2)
3:10 pm – 4:10 pm	3 (1)	14 (1)	4 (1)	54 (2)
Total	5 (1)	17 (1)	25 (3)	68 (4)

Please note that the bold number is the number of students crossing unassisted and the number in brackets is the number of students crossing with assistance from an adult.

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 hours (a.m. and p.m. combined). Based on the total number of students crossing Drummond Drive unassisted (93) and those with an adult (7), the warrant of 50 students crossing is met. The table above shows the majority of students are crossing on the west side of the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. Staff recommends that the school crossing guard be placed on the west

side at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. This crossing is beneficial as the school is located on the west side of St. Joan of Arc Avenue and children will not need to cross any of the intersections to the north as they approach the school.

Staff have recently informed the principal of Holy Jubilee Elementary School and the City of Vaughan Human Resources Department that an additional school crossing guard will be recommended on the west leg of the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. The Principal of the Holy Jubilee Elementary School was adequately satisfied with the results.

There are funds allocated in the 2008 Operating Budget for the addition of a crossing guard at this school. The supervised school crossing will be implemented as soon as the pavement markings and signs are placed and the recruitment process is complete.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

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

Regional Implications

Not Applicable

Conclusion

A crossing guard is recommended on the west side of the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue. There are sufficient funds in the 2008 Operating Budget to enable implementation as soon as the appropriate pavement markings and signs are placed and the recruitment process is complete.

Attachments

1. Location of proposed guard

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

