

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 7, 2010**

### **PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD HERBERT H. CARNEGIE PUBLIC SCHOOL WARD 4**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That a school crossing guard not be implemented at the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

Not applicable.

#### **Economic Impact**

Not applicable.

#### **Communications Plan**

The Ward Councillor will inform the resident's on the petition regarding Council's decision on this matter.

#### **Purpose**

To review the need for a school crossing guard for Herbert H. Carnegie Public School and other traffic related matters in the vicinity of the school.

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

At its meeting on July 13, 2010, Council directed:

**“That staff be directed to install all-way stop control at Via Romano Blvd. and Lady Valentina Avenue; and**

**That staff be directed to reduce the speed along Via Romano Way in the school zone to 40 km per hour; and**

**That staff install a school zone sign in this area; and**

**That staff conduct a study in this area for the staffing of a school crossing guard.”**

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School is located on the north side of Via Romano Boulevard east of Lady Veronica Avenue. The area is shown in Attachment No. 1.

#### **All-Way Stop Control**

The all-way stop control was installed at the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue in September, 2010.

### Speed Reduction and Signage

The installation of the 40 km/h school zone speed signs and school zone signs along Via Romano Boulevard near Herbert H. Carnegie Public School was completed in September, 2010.

### School Crossing Guard - Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue

Staff conducted a pedestrian crossing review at the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue on Thursday, September 23, 2010. The weather on the day of the study was cloudy. Students were counted crossing all legs of the Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue intersection. This intersection is located directly in front of the school. The results are summarized below:

Time	West Side	East Side	South Side
AM (7:30 – 8:30)	<b>2</b> (18)	<b>6</b> (11)	<b>0</b> (2)
Noon (11:40 – 1:00)	<b>0</b> (0)	<b>0</b> (0)	<b>0</b> (0)
PM (2:30 – 3:10)	<b>3</b> (11)	<b>4</b> (9)	<b>0</b> (3)
Total	<b>5</b> (29)	<b>10</b> (20)	<b>0</b> (5)

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.

During the study, the majority of the primary school students were bused or driven to and from the school; the remainder walked to school. Few primary school students crossed at the intersection. There were few motorists parking their vehicles on the south side of the road to assist children across the roadway. The east side of the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue has the highest crossing activity. Based on the total number of students crossing Via Romano Boulevard unassisted (10), the warrant of 50 students crossing is not met and not recommended by staff.

### Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist to:

- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness; and
- Lead and Promote to Environmental Sustainability.

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

### Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

### Conclusion

Based on Engineering Services staff's review, a school crossing guard is not recommended at the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue.

### Attachments

1. Location Map

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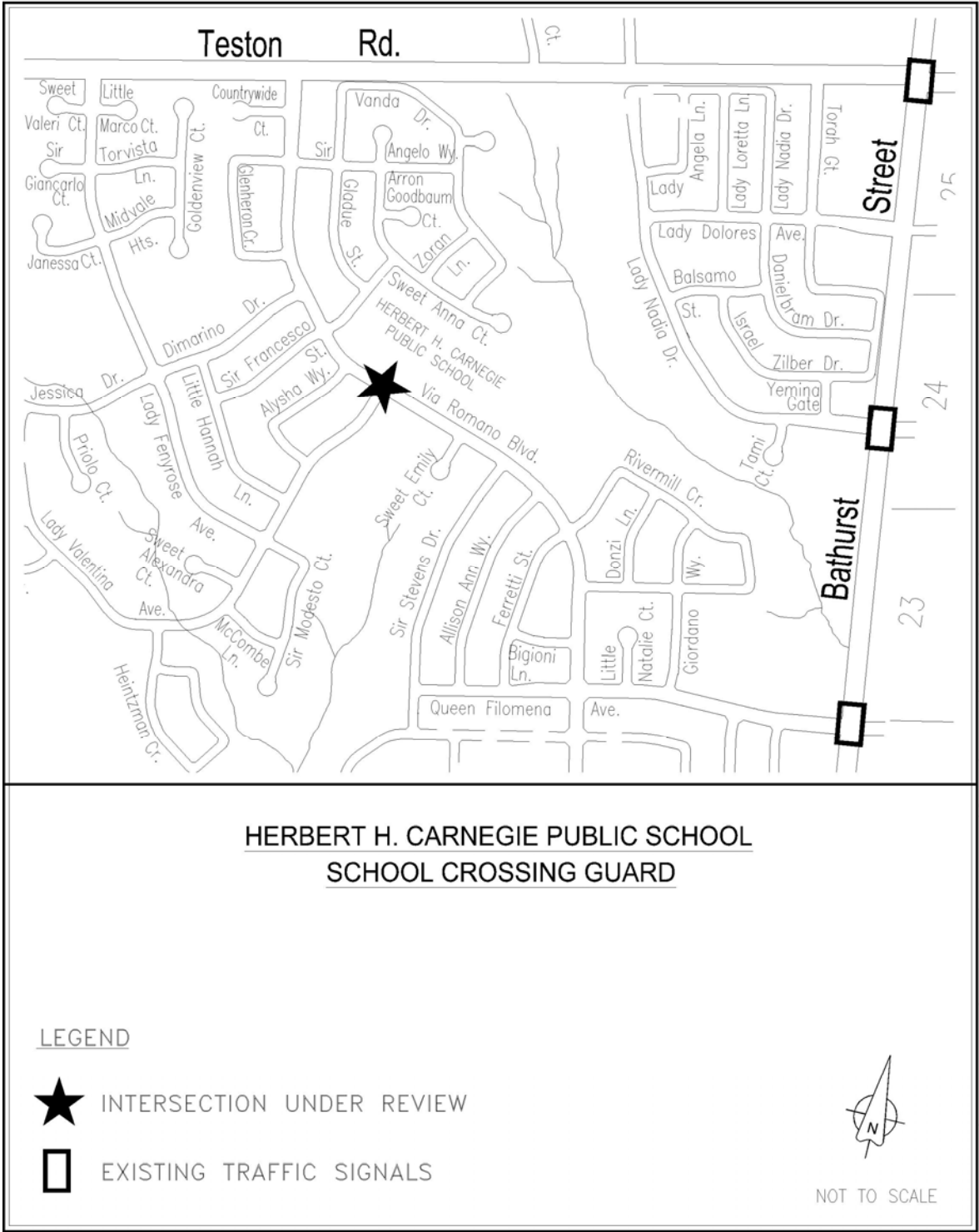
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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## HERBERT H. CARNEGIE PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

### LEGEND

-  INTERSECTION UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS



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