

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 15, 2012

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD ANNUAL REVIEW ALL WARDS

Recommendation

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

1. That school crossing guards be removed from the following 12 locations as the warrant criteria are not met;
 - Melville Avenue and Springside Road (south side) - Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School
 - Drummond Drive and Monteith Crescent/ Logwood Crescent (west side) - Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School
 - Killian Road and Sterling Crescent/ Lamar Street (west side) - St. David Catholic Elementary School
 - Crofters Road and Woburn Road (south side) - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School
 - Clarence Street and Woburn Drive/ Thomson Creek Boulevard (south side) - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School
 - Martin Grove Road in front of St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School - St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School
 - Forest Drive and Bainbridge Avenue (north side) - St. Clement Catholic Elementary School
 - Kipling Avenue and Burwick Avenue (north side) - Woodbridge Public School
 - Kipling Avenue and Highway 7 (east side) - Woodbridge Public School
 - Fossil Hill Road and Villa Royale Avenue (north side) - Fossil Hill Public School
 - Clark Avenue and York Hill Boulevard (east side) - Eitz Chaim Elementary School
 - Clark Avenue and Hilda Avenue (west side) - York Hill Elementary School
2. That school crossing guards be removed from the following 3 temporary locations as the warrant criteria are not met; and
 - Ravineview Drive and Peak Point Boulevard/ Beaverbrook Crescent (south side) - St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Elementary School
 - Vellore Park Avenue and Highmark Drive/ Stark Crescent (north side) - Glenn Gould Public School
 - Vellore Park Avenue and Lormel Gate (east side) - St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Elementary School
3. That a temporary school crossing guard be provided, at a location in the vicinity of 161 Via Campanile, for a new unnamed school, for the 2012/ 2013 school year.

Contribution to Sustainability

The implementation of crossing guards assists children to cross a City or Regional roadway in a safe manner. The City's School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure assists staff to ensure the most appropriate location is identified and the guard is at a location where needed.

Economic Impact

The current annualized cost of one crossing guard is approximately \$9,000. There are 92 guards, including 5 temporary guards assigned to approved crosswalk locations, within the budget complement for the 2012 School Crossing Guard Program.

There would be an initial savings in the Human Resources Department annual Operating Budget, to remove a crossing guard that does not meet the warrant criteria. The crossing guard signs and posts could be re-used at a later date.

Based on the findings of the 2011/2012 crossing guard studies, the reduction to the annual Operating Budget is \$135,000 (15 guards @ \$9,000 per guard). However, a temporary guard will be required at a new school, at a location in the vicinity of 161 Via Campanile. This guard will be redeployed from the 15 that are recommended for removal. Therefore, the overall economic impact will be a reduction of \$126,000.

Communications Plan

The Principals at each of the schools, the associated School Board Superintendent and Trustee, impacted by the potential removal of the crossing guard were notified and provided the opportunity to participate in the spring 2012 study.

The extract related to this report will be provided to both the York Region District School Board, and the York Catholic District School Board. Engineering Services staff will notify each of the Principals of any changes to the crossing guard location(s) near their school.

Staff will also advise the school Principal of the temporary crossing guard location. The anticipated start date for this guard will be the start of the new school year in September 2012.

Purpose

To provide the results of the annual review of 25 randomly selected crossing guard locations, and the 5 temporary crossing guard locations, in accordance with the School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure.

Background - Analysis and Options

The criteria for the placement of school crossing guards as it exists today, was established and approved by Council in 2004, thereby superseding any previous guidelines.

Since then, the City of Vaughan has funded and provided crossing guard services at locations within the City, where the Council approved criteria for unassisted crossings of City and Regional roads are met. A list of locations meeting these criteria is typically approved by Council as part of the annual budget deliberations.

In 2005, Council directed that staff review a minimum of 25 locations each year in order to optimize the return on Council's allocation of staff resources by ensuring that crossing guards continue to be deployed at locations where the criteria are met. Please note that a detailed chronology of the school crossing guard program, from 2005 to 2011, can be found in Attachment No. 4.

At the commencement of the 2011/ 2012 school year, the City of Vaughan discontinued providing crossing guards at 10 locations, while 10 new locations were added. Since then, staff has conducted follow-up pedestrian studies at two locations, where the crossing guard was removed. It is noted that the warrant criteria was not met during the follow-up studies.

Requests for crossing guards may be received from parents, parent council and/or school administrators. Upon receipt of a request, staff will conduct a pedestrian study. In fall 2012, staff will conduct follow-up pedestrian studies at 5 randomly selected locations, where the school crossing guards were previously discontinued.

In 2011 and 2012, in accordance with Council direction, City staff reviewed 25 existing crossing guard locations. Locations where criteria were not met were confirmed by 3 separate studies.

The current approved locations for school crossing guards are listed in Attachment No. 1.

2011/2012 Annual Review

Staff has undertaken reviews of 25 randomly selected crossing guard locations that may potentially be relocated/ eliminated and/or utilized to cross more than one leg of an intersection. The 2012 annual review consists of 3 studies that were carried out in spring 2011, fall 2011, and spring 2012.

As a result of feedback received from both School Boards, the 2012 annual review program was modified to incorporate additional notifications including, one following the fall 2011 pedestrian study, and another prior to the end of the current school year.

Studies were carried out during the morning and afternoon arrival/departure times, typically 45 minutes in duration, and were undertaken during normal weather conditions. Pedestrian studies were not undertaken during heavy rain and snowfall. In addition, staff endeavoured to only carry out studies on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, and accounted for any known holidays.

During the investigations, staff observed and recorded the following details:

- Number of students using the crossing;
- Vehicular operations including parent drop off/pick-up activities;
- Crossing guard activities; and
- Type of traffic control, where applicable.

The results of the studies are summarized in Attachment No. 2.

Review of the 25 Pre-Selected Crossing Guard Locations

A brief summary is provided from the pedestrian studies:

1. During pedestrian studies, staff did not identify issues with vehicular operations, or crossing guard performance.
2. As identified in Attachment No. 2 and listed below are the 12 locations where the number of recorded crossings did not meet the minimum criteria of 50 crossings during the school time periods, in the studies conducted in 2011 and 2012.
 - Melville Avenue and Springside Road (south side) - Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School
 - Drummond Drive and Monteith Crescent/ Logwood Crescent (west side) - Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School
 - Killian Road and Sterling Crescent/ Lamar Street (west side) - St. David Catholic Elementary School
 - Crofters Road and Woburn Road (south side) - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School
 - Clarence Street and Woburn Drive/ Thomson Creek Boulevard (south side) - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School

- Martin Grove Road in front of St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School
- Forest Drive and Bainbridge Avenue (north side) - St. Clement Catholic Elementary School -
- Kipling Avenue and Burwick Avenue (north side) - Woodbridge Public School
- Kipling Avenue and Highway 7 (east side) - Woodbridge Public School
- Fossil Hill Road and Villa Royale Avenue (north side) - Fossil Hill Public School
- Clark Avenue and York Hill Boulevard (east side) - Eitz Chaim Elementary School
- Clark Avenue and Hilda Avenue (west side) - York Hill Elementary School

Only crossing guard locations where warrants are not met during all 3 studies are recommended for removal.

Review of the 5 Temporary Crossing Guard Locations

In 2011, to help promote pedestrian activity, Council approved that a temporary crossing guard be provided at a suitable location for all new schools. The crossing guard would remain in place for a period of one school year. A crossing guard study would be carried out during the school year to determine if the warrant is met. In the event that the warrant is not met, the crossing guard will be removed at the end of the school year.

Staff conducted up to 2 pedestrian studies at each of the temporary crossing guard locations, and the results are summarized in Attachment No. 3.

A brief summary is provided from the pedestrian studies:

1. During pedestrian studies, staff did not identify issues with vehicular operations, or crossing guard performance.
2. As indicated in Attachment No. 3 and listed below are the 3 locations where the number of recorded crossings did not meet the minimum criteria of 50 crossings during the school time periods, in the studies conducted in 2011 and 2012.
 - Ravineview Drive and Peak Point Boulevard/ Beaverbrook Crescent (south side) - St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Elementary School
 - Vellore Park Avenue and Highmark Drive/ Stark Crescent (north side) - Glenn Gould Public School -
 - Vellore Park Avenue and Lormel Gate (east side) - St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Elementary School
3. The following 2 temporary school crossing guard locations should be added to the City's list of approved locations as the crossing guard warrant was met;
 - Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue (north side) - Herbert H. Carnegie Public School
 - Peter Rupert Avenue and Golden Forest Road/ Carrier Crescent (west side) - St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School

This report indicates that all temporary guards have been in place since September 2011, for a period of one school year, with the exception of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School, as it has had a temporary crossing guard in place since February 2011.

Only temporary crossing guard locations where warrants are not met during the 2 studies are recommended for removal.

New Temporary School Crossing Guard Location

York Catholic District School Board staff has identified one new unnamed school, located at 161 Via Campanile, which is scheduled to open in September 2012. In accordance with the School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure, a temporary crossing guard will be provided at a location in the vicinity of 161 Via Campanile for students attending this school, for the 2012/ 2013 school year.

It is noted that York Region District School Board staff has advised City staff that there are no new schools scheduled to open during the 2012/ 2013 school year.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness; and

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

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Engineering Services staff carried out the annual review of 25 randomly selected crossing guard locations as well as 5 temporary crossing guard locations in 2011/ 2012. 12 of 25 existing school crossing guard locations did not meet the minimum crossing guard criteria requirements. Similarly, 3 of 5 temporary crossing guard locations did not satisfy the same minimum requirements. In accordance with the School Crossing Guard Policy, these crossing guard locations are recommended to be discontinued as the criteria is not met, and where applicable, to be redeployed to meet other needs within the City. The remaining 2 temporary locations are to be added to the City's list of approved locations.

Attachments

1. City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Current Approved Locations
2. City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program 2011 Annual Review Study Results
3. City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Temporary Location Review Study Results
4. City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Chronology, 2005-2011

Report prepared by:

Lisa Lavery, P. Eng., Manager of Traffic Engineering, ext. 8143

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ashfield
Director of Human Resources

Jack Graziosi, P. Eng.
Director of Engineering Services

Paul Jankowski, P. Eng.
Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works

LL: mm

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Current Approved Locations		
Crossing Guard Location	School	
WARD 1		
Hawker Road and Mountcharles Crescent (south side)	Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School	
Hawker Road and Springside Road/ Kirkbride Crescent (west side)	Discovery Public School	
Tierra Avenue and Discovery Trail (west side)	Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School	
Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive (south side) ¹	Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School	
Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive (west side) ¹	Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School	
Melville Avenue and Roseheath Drive (east side)	Kleinburg Public School	
Cromwell Road and Empress Road/ Pentland Crescent (east side)	Mackenzie Glen Public School	
Keele Street and Dina Road (north side)	Maple Creek Public School	
Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue (west side)	Michael Cranny Elementary School	
St. Joan of Arc Avenue and Isaac Murray Avenue (south side)	Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School	
10391 Islington Avenue (south limit of school property)	St. James Catholic Elementary School	
Drummond Drive/ Melville Avenue and Cranston Park Avenue (south side)	Teston Village Public School	
Melville Avenue and Maple Meadows Lane (east side)		
Avro Road and Hawker Road (west side)		
Melville Avenue and Walkway to West Maple Creek East Park (north of Eddington Place)		
Hawker Road and Sylwood Crescent/ Villandry Crescent (south intersection, west side)		
Melville Avenue and Carron Avenue (south side)		
Barrhill Road, north of Ridgefield Crescent (east to west)		
Mast Road and Queen Isabella Crescent (south side)		
Murray Farm Lane and Crew Crescent (west side)		
Ahmadiyya Avenue and Bashir Street (east side)		
WARD 2		
Napa Valley Avenue and Monte Carlo Drive (east side)	Elder's Mills Public School	
Napa Valley Avenue and Sunset Ridge (west side)	Lorna Jackson Public School	
Martin Grove Road and Morning Star Drive (south side)	San Marco Catholic Elementary School	
Morning Star Drive and Coronation Street (west side)		
Forest Fountain Drive and Montebello Avenue (north side)	St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School	
Forest Fountain Drive and Sonoma Boulevard (east side)		

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Current Approved Locations		
Crossing Guard Location	School	
Timber Lane and Tall Grass Trail (north side)	St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Elementary School	
Martin Grove Road and Bainbridge Avenue/ Claudia Avenue (north side)	St. Clement Catholic Elementary School	
Margaret Mary Road and Firglen Ridge (north side)	St. Margaret Mary Catholic Elementary School	
Napa Valley Avenue and Forest Fountain Drive (north side)	St. Padre Pio Catholic Elementary School	
Napa Valley Avenue and Criscione Drive (west side)		
Napa Valley Avenue and Casa Vista Drive (north side)	St. Stephen Catholic Elementary School	
Burwick Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue (east side)	Woodbridge Public School	
WARD 3		
Blue Willow Drive and Matthew Drive (east side)	Blue Willow Public School	
Fossil Hill Road and Davos Road (west side)	Fossil Hill Public School	
Highmark Drive and Summit Drive (east side)	Glenn Gould Public School	
Aberdeen Avenue and Clover Leaf Street/ Governor Crescent (north side)	Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School	
Governor Crescent and Aberdeen Avenue (south side)		
Via Campanile and Davos Road (north and east sides)	Pierre Berton Public School	
Fossil Hill Road and La Rocca Avenue (south side)	St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic Elementary School	
La Rocca Avenue & Comoq Avenue (west side)	St. Clare Catholic Elementary School	
Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place (east side)		
Comdel Boulevard and Plover Heights (east side)	St. Emily Catholic Elementary School	
Vellore Woods Boulevard and Foxhunt Drive (north side)		
Aberdeen Avenue, east of Ashcroft Court (north to south)	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Elementary School	
Fiori Drive and Adrianno Crescent (south side)	St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Elementary School	
Valeria Boulevard and Greenpark Boulevard (north side)	St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy	
Maria Antonia Road and Fossil Hill Road (south and east sides)	St. Veronica Catholic Elementary School	
Starling Boulevard and Fox Hound Crescent (north side)	Vellore Woods Public School	
WARD 4		
Mistysugar Trail & Treecrest Drive (east side)	Bakersfield Public School	
Maple Sugar Lane, between Sugarforest Drive and Daniel Reaman Crescent (north to south)	Carrville Mills Public School	
Apple Blossom Drive and Sandwood Drive (east side)		
Grand Trunk Avenue and Ivy Glen Drive (north and east sides)	Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School	

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Current Approved Locations		
Crossing Guard Location	School	
Dufferin Hill Drive and Forest Run Boulevard (west side)	Forest Run Public School	
Forest Run Boulevard and Ten Oaks Boulevard (west side)		
Forest Run Boulevard and Vanguard Road (north side)		
Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue (north side)	Herbert H. Carnegie Public School	
Thomas Cook Avenue and Lebovic Campus Drive (north and east sides)	Nellie McClung Public School	
Peter Rupert Avenue and Golden Forest Road/ Carrier Crescent (west side)	St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School	
Thornhill Woods Drive and Coltrane Drive (north side)	Thornhill Woods Public School	
WARD 5		
Atkinson Avenue and Edmund Seager Drive/ Rosedale Heights Drive (north side)	Kamin Education Centre, Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto	
Brownridge Drive and Thornway Avenue (east side)	Brownridge Public School	
Joseph Aaron Boulevard and Rimmington Drive (north side)	Charlton Public School	
Cog Hill Drive and Glen Shields Avenue (east side)	Glen Shields Public School	
Bob O'Link Avenue and Glen Shields Avenue (east side)		
Quaker Ridge Road and Glen Shields Avenue (south side)	Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School	
New Westminster Drive and Conley Street (north and west sides)	Holy Family Catholic Elementary School	
Atkinson Avenue, between Campbell Avenue/ Manor Gate and Rodeo Drive (crossing located between both locations, east to west)	Leo Baeck Day School/ Netivot HaTorah Hebrew School	
Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights Drive/ Highcliffe Drive (east side)	Rosedale Heights Public School	
Brownridge Drive and Draper Boulevard (south side)	St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Elementary School	
Worth Boulevard and Rockwood Crescent (west side)	Ventura Park Public School	
Milner Gate and Mullen Drive (north and east sides)	Westminster Public School	
Beverley Glen Boulevard, between Worth Boulevard and Ventura Way (in front of school)	Wilshire Elementary School	
Beverley Glen Boulevard and Worth Boulevard (north side)		
Hilda Avenue and Jonathan Gate (south side)	York Hill Elementary School	
Hilda Avenue and York Hill Boulevard (west side)		

Notes: ¹ Two guards assist with crossings at the intersection of Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive.

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program 2012 Annual Review Study Results				
Crossing Guard Location	School	Number of Unassisted Crossings		
		spring 2011	fall 2011	spring 2012
WARD 1				
Melville Avenue and Springside Road (south side)	Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School	20	23	35
Hawker Road and Springside Road/ Kirkbride Crescent (west side)		42	41	60
Cromwell Road and Empress Road / Pentland Crescent (east side)	Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School	41	51	n/a
Drummond Drive and Monteith Crescent/ Logwood Drive (west side)	Holy Jubilee Catholic Elementary School	44	28	38
Drummond Drive/Melville Avenue and Cranston Park Avenue (south side)	Mackenzie Glen Public School	71	n/a	n/a
Killian Road and Sterling Crescent/ Lamar Street (west side)	St. David Catholic Elementary School	24	31	33
Mast Road and Queen Isabella Crescent (south side)	St. James Catholic Elementary School	40	22	60
WARD 2				
Crofters Road and Woburn Drive (south side)	Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School	24	30	41
Clarence Street and Woburn Drive/ Thomson Creek Boulevard (south side)		2	13	17
Forest Fountain Drive and Montebello Avenue (north side)	St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School	103	n/a	n/a
Martin Grove Road in front of St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School	St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School	24	27	32
Forest Drive and Bainbridge Avenue (north side)	St. Clement Catholic Elementary School	17	32	47
Forest Fountain Drive and Napa Valley Avenue (north side)	St. Padre Pio Catholic Elementary School	98	n/a	n/a
Kipling Avenue and Burwick Avenue (north side)	Woodbridge Public School	23	19	26
Kipling Avenue and Highway 7 (east side)		6	7	11
WARD 3				
Fossil Hill Road and Villa Royale Avenue (north side)	Fossil Hill Public School	8	19	10
Fiori Drive and Adrianno Crescent (south side)	St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Elementary School	47	36	78

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program 2012 Annual Review Study Results					
Crossing Guard Location	School	Number of Unassisted Crossings			
		spring 2011	fall 2011	spring 2012	
Valeria Boulevard and Greenpark Boulevard (north side)	St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy	51	n/a	n/a	
WARD 4					
Forest Run Boulevard and Vanguard Road (north side)	Forest Run Public School	75	n/a	n/a	
WARD 5					
Joseph Aaron Boulevard and Rimmington Drive (north side)	Charlton Public School	68	n/a	n/a	
Clark Avenue and York Hill Boulevard (east side)	Eitz Chaim Elementary School	26	12	19	
Worth Boulevard and Rockwood Crescent (west side)	Ventura Park Public School	61	n/a	n/a	
Beverley Glen Boulevard, between Worth Boulevard and Ventura Way (in front of school)	Wilshire Elementary School	144	n/a	n/a	
Clark Avenue and Hilda Avenue (west side)	York Hill Elementary School	7	10	6	
Hilda Avenue and York Hill Boulevard (west side)		51	n/a	n/a	

ATTACHMENT NO. 3

Temporary Crossing Guard Location	School	Number of Unassisted Crossings		
		spring 2011	fall 2011	spring 2012
WARD 1				
Ravineview Drive and Peak Point Boulevard/ Beaverbrook Crescent (south side)	St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Elementary School	13 ²	27	13
WARD 3				
Vellore Park Avenue and Highmark Drive/ Stark Crescent (north side)	Glenn Gould Public School	n/a	12	17
Vellore Park Avenue and Lormel Gate (east side)	St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Elementary School	n/a	36	45
WARD 4				
Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue (north side)	Herbert H. Carnegie Public School	7	n/a	164
Peter Rupert Avenue and Golden Forest Road / Carrier Crescent (west side)	St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School ¹	n/a	38	113

Notes: Temporary guards in place since September 2011 at all locations, except Herbert H. Carnegie Public School (since February 2011).

¹ St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School had 23 unassisted crossings during the 2012 spring lunch period study. Therefore, a lunch period guard is warranted, in accordance with the School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure.

² St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Elementary School spring 2011 pedestrian study completed as a result of a crossing guard request.

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

City of Vaughan School Crossing Guard Program Chronology, 2005-2011

2005

At its meeting on June 27, 2005 Council approved:

“That an annual program be established to conduct a review of 25 pre-selected school crossing guard locations in the field to determine the appropriateness of the crossing location for the subsequent school year.”

2006

Following Council's direction, an annual program was developed and implemented by staff. In 2006, the first review of 25 pre-selected school crossing guard locations was completed. This review was based on approved guidelines/ criteria for the placement of a school crossing guard, as established by Council on June 28, 2004.

On this basis, recommendations were made to remove some crossing guards for utilization at a future school location, or an additional approved request. Council, at its meeting on June 26, 2006, referred all staff recommendations to the Council/ School Board Liaison Committee.

2007

The 2007 school crossing guard annual location review results identified a number of locations that did not meet the minimum number of 50 crossings. At its meeting on June 25, 2007 Council approved a procedure for new schools, revised guidelines/ criteria for placement of a school crossing guard, as well as establishing a Committee, to review school crossing locations.

2008

The 2008 school crossing guard annual location review results identified a number of locations that did not meet the minimum number of 50 crossings, which were further reviewed by the School Crossing Guard Committee in fall 2008.

2009

The 2009 school crossing guard annual location review results identified a number of locations that did not meet the minimum number of 50 crossings, which were further reviewed by the School Crossing Guard Committee. This Committee was to bring forward recommendations to Council as to what steps should be taken with regard to locations that did not fulfill the warrant criteria.

2010

In 2010, a review of the crossing guard utilization over the lunch hour period was undertaken. At its meeting on July 13, 2010 Council approved revisions to the City's School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure to include criteria pertaining to the provision of a lunch hour guard.

In addition, a new procedure was established for the annual review, to include 3 crossing guard studies carried out over 2 school years. This change was implemented in 2010, and affected future year annual reviews. As such, the 2011 annual review results were based on studies conducted in spring 2010, fall 2011, and spring 2011.

2011

At its meeting on June 28, 2011 Council approved the following revision to the City's School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure:

“That all new schools since September 2010 are provided a temporary crossing guard for a period of one school year. A study will be carried out during the school year to determine if the warrant is met. If the warrant is not met, the crossing guard will be removed at the end of the school year.”

At this meeting, Council also approved the removal of 10 existing school crossing guards. It is noted that an additional guard was approved for removal at a subsequent Council meeting in 2011.