

## **COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 22, 2003**

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD REVIEW VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That the existing school crossing guard at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue be relocated from the east side to the west side of the intersection.

#### **Purpose**

To review the appropriateness of the existing school crossing guard locations for Forest Run Public School, Bakersfield Public School, Fossil Hill Public School, Holy Jubilee Catholic School, Vellore Woods Public School and St. Emily Catholic School.

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

##### **Forest Run Pubic School**

The existing school crossing guard location is at the intersection of Confederation Parkway and Dufferin Hill Drive (south side). Staff conducted pedestrian studies on September 5, 2003 during the school peak time periods. Based on the result of this study, it was determined that the existing school crossing guard location is in an appropriate location.

##### **Bakersfield Public School/Fossil Hill Public School**

The existing crossing guard locations are as follows:

- Mistysugar Trail/Treecrest Drive (east side) for Bakersfield Public School,
- Fossil Hill Road/Davos Road (west side) for Fossil Hill Public School,
- Fossil Hill Road/Villa Royale Avenue (north side) for Fossil Hill Public School.

Staff conducted studies on September 5, 2003 for Bakersfield Public School and on September 8, 2003 for Fossil Hill Public School. Both locations were observed during the school peak time periods. Based on the results of these studies, it was determined that the existing school crossing guard locations are in appropriate locations.

##### **Holy Jubilee Catholic School**

The existing school crossing guard locations are located at:

- Issac Murray Avenue/Royal Ridge Crescent East (west side),
- Drummond Drive/Montieth Crescent (west side),
- Drummond Drive/St. Joan of Arc Avenue (east side).

Staff conducted pedestrian studies on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003, during the school peak time periods. Based on the results of the studies, it was determined that all the existing school crossing guard locations are appropriate, except one. Our study indicated that the school crossing guard location at the intersection of Drummond Drive and St. Joan of Arc Avenue (east side) is not in the most appropriate location. The majority of the students crossed on the west side of the intersection.

Vellore Woods Public School/St. Emily Catholic School

The intersection of Vellore Woods Boulevard and Ashberry Boulevard was reviewed to determine the student crossing activity. There is an existing allway stop at this location. Staff conducted a pedestrian study during the AM school peak period at the intersection on September 4, 2003. A summary of the study is shown in the chart below.

STUDENT CROSSINGS	Crossing Ashberry Boulevard West Leg of the Intersection	Crossing Vellore Woods Boulevard North or South Leg
Assisted by a Parent	5	2
Unassisted by a Parent	2	1
<i>Total Student Crossings</i>	7	3

Since there is an allway stop control at the intersection the low number of students are provided a safe crossing opportunity at the intersection.

Based on the study, it was determined that no additional school crossing guards be implemented in the vicinity of the Vellore Woods Elementary School and the St. Emily Catholic School.

**Attachments**

N/A

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