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May 28, 2014

Dear Toronto School Boards Task Force Committee Members

Re: PW31.11- School Zone Safety Report

As Chair of the Toronto School Boards Task Force, I believe the School Zone Safety Report relates to the upcoming meeting of the Task Force on Wednesday June 4, 2014.

Please find the School Zone Safety Report in the provided link below:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.PW31.11>

Sincerely,

Gary Crawford
Councillor, Ward 36
Scarborough Southwest



Tracking Status

- This item was considered by [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#) on May 14, 2014 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on June 10, 2014.

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee consideration on May 14, 2014

PW31.11	ACTION	Amended		Ward:All
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School Zone Safety Strategy

Committee Recommendations

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

- City Council receive the report (April 30, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, for information.
- City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to invite a representative of the Toronto Catholic District School Board to the School Zone Safety Working Group.
- City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to invite a representative from the CAA South Central Ontario to the School Zone Safety Working Group.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee requested the General Manager, Transportation Services, to:

- Revise the Guidelines for Construction Zones in School Areas (Attachment 1) to clarify standards for notification of principals including timing of notifications, standard letters and on site managerial contact information and to provide a copy of the revised guidelines to City Council on June 10, 2014.
- Report to a future meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the possibility of coupling speed limit signs with school zone signs as seems to be done in Montreal.
- Report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on a strategy to increase the provision of crossing guards in school zones, such report include locations, number of crossing guards, criteria and process for approving a new location for a crossing guard and any other information that demonstrates the effectiveness of crossing guards.

Origin

(April 30, 2014) Report from the General Manager, Transportation Services

Summary

The purpose of this report is to respond to a motion by City Council, dated October 8, 2013, to review pedestrian safety in school zones and develop a strategy for improving and promoting pedestrian safety in those areas. Traffic data suggests that pedestrian safety and overall road safety in the City has stabilized over the last decade. However, opportunities for improvement still exist, especially when considering the safety of children and the current shift towards promoting walking to school as active and healthier alternatives for commuting. The City has programs and tools currently in place for addressing safety concerns around school areas which are discussed in this report, and Transportation Services proposes to pursue additional measures to expand the City's current compliment of measures.

This report discusses a strategy for improving safety around school zones that was developed based on an analysis of school zone related pedestrian collision data, detailed safety reviews conducted at high collision school clusters and current school safety programs and engineering tools. This report also discusses a literature review of school safety practices in other jurisdictions that was conducted, as well as the formation of a School Zone Safety Working Group.

Background Information

(April 30, 2014) Report and Attachments 1 to 3 from the General Manager, Transportation Services, on School Zone Safety Strategy
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/pw/bqrd/backgroundfile-68984.pdf>)

Speakers

Nick Lazaris
Trustee Ann Andrachuk, Ward 2, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Councillor Anthony Perruzza
Councillor Gary Crawford
Councillor Peter Leon
Councillor Paula Fletcher

Motions

1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor John Parker (Carried)

That the General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to report to a future meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the possibility of coupling speed limit signs with school zone signs as seems to be done in Montreal.

2 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor John Parker (Carried)

That the General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on a strategy to increase the provision of crossing guards in school zones.

3 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Mark Grimes (Carried)

City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to invite a representative of the Toronto Catholic District School Board to the School Zone Safety Working Group.

4 - Motion to Amend Motion moved by Councillor Janet Davis (Carried)

That Motion 2 by Councillor Parker be amended by adding:

"such report include locations, number of crossing guards, criteria and process for approving a new location for a crossing guard and any other information that demonstrates the effectiveness of crossing guards."

5 - Motion to Amend Item moved by Councillor Janet Davis (Carried)

That the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to revise the Guidelines for Construction Zones in School Areas (Attachment 1) to clarify standards for notification of principals including timing of notifications, standard letters and on site managerial contact information and to provide a copy of the revised guidelines to City Council on June 10, 2014.

6 - Motion to Amend Item moved by Councillor Mike Layton (Carried)

That Recommendation 1 in the report (April 30, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, be amended to read:

1. City Council receive the report (April 30, 2014) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, for information.

7 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Carried)

City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to invite a representative from the CAA South Central Ontario to the School Zone Safety Working Group

8 - Motion to Adopt Item as Amended moved by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Carried)