Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM39.7 ACTION Ward:All

School Zone Safety - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford

* Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee no later than March 4, 2014 on the results of the following:
   a. a detailed analysis of pedestrian collisions over the last 10 years in school areas to identify any trends and or patterns;
   b. what other Municipalities are doing to improve and promote pedestrian safety in school zones; and
   c. the establishment of a School Zone Safety Working group, consisting of representatives from the Toronto Police Services, the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto District Catholic School Board, Transportation Services staff and any other relevant stake holders to review issues such as heavy vehicle traffic in school zones, school drop-off zones, parking regulations around schools, school bus routes, crossing guards, enforcement of traffic rules, etc.;

   and based on the above results, develop a list of possible actions such as enhanced use of signage and pavement markings, targeted education campaigns, traffic enforcement, school zone speed reduction to improve and promote pedestrian safety, etc.

Summary

Each school day hundreds of thousands of students walk to and from school with the expectation that they will be able to do so safely. Sadly, this year, two students have lost their lives as result of a collision with a vehicle while walking to and from school. The Toronto District School Board has passed a motion that seeks to coordinate efforts with the City of Toronto to improve traffic safety in school zones. The safety of all pedestrians, especially those
of school age is paramount.

(Submitted to City Council on October 8 and 9, 2013 as MM39.7)

**Background Information (City Council)**
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