

October 3, 2016

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: Board of Health

Subject: Road Safety for School Children – Item HL14.1

On September 30, 2016, the Toronto Board of Health adopted this item as amended and among other things forwards the report (September 12, 2016) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for their information.

The Board of Health also:

1. Requested the Acting Medical Officer of Health to continue to collaborate with Transportation Services and its Road Safety Task Force to partner on initiatives that improve safety for all road users, especially for school children, and to promote awareness of the Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools.
2. Requested the Acting Medical Officer of Health collaborate with the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to consider promotion of road safety initiatives, such as the Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools, to relevant community agencies and neighborhood groups in the City's Neighborhood Improvement Areas.
3. Forwarded the report (September 12, 2016) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health, along with the Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools to the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, le Conseil scolaire Viamonde, le Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud, for their consideration and endorsement, and ask them to promote it widely through avenues such as EcoSchools, and parent and school councils.
4. Forwarded the report (September 12, 2016) from the Acting Medical Officer of Health and Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools from the Acting Medical Officer of Health to the City-School Boards Advisory Committee, 8-80 Cities, Canadian Automobile Association, City of Toronto Road Safety Advisory Group, Cycle Toronto, Community Bicycle Network, Culture Link, David Suzuki Foundation, Green Communities Canada, Metrolinx, Ontario Public Health Association, Parachute, Share the Road Cycling Coalition, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation, Toronto Cycling Think and Do Tank, Toronto Police Services, Toronto Student Transportation Group, University of Toronto's School of the Environment, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Walk Toronto, the provincial

Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, and to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Health Promotion Division.

Background Information

(September 12, 2016) Report from the Acting Medical Officer of Health on Road Safety for School Children

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-96395.pdf>

Attachment 1: Guide to Safer Streets Near Schools: Understanding Your Policy Options in the City of Toronto

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-96414.pdf>

Presentation from the Director, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT) and Urban Fellow Research Associate, City of Toronto

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-96983.pdf>

Speakers

Meghan Sherwin, Founder, Safe Streets Kids at Play

Sincerely,

Secretary,
Board of Health
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