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Dear General Government and Licensing Committee,

I am writing to you today regarding the direction put forward in GG4.19 that would see the tendering of three new contracts for the services of Crossing Guards in School Safety Zones. The award of these contracts to Carraway Inc., Synergy Protection Group Inc., and Ottawa Safety Council is a welcome expansion of the School Crossing Guard program, but has unfortunately left many crossing guards employed by ASP, the previous vendor from 2019 to 2023 without a clear picture of their employment. Many school crossing guards have become integral parts of our community in Toronto-St. Paul's and across the city, and ensuring ASP employees have a sustainable plan for their future is key to building safe and livable communities.

Throughout conversations with ASP employees and their union representatives at CUPE, I have learned that a promising route forward is to look into the feasibility of bringing the School Crossing Guard Program wholly under The City of Toronto and Transportation Service's purview.

Recommendations:

1. Request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the appropriate committee in Q1 of 2024 on the feasibility of bringing Crossing Guard Services under the purview of the City of Toronto at the end of two year contract option.

Sincerely,

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