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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street W
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Re: Placement of a Temporary Crossing Guard at the Intersection of Benson and Hendrick Ave

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing to respectfully request the continuation of the placement of a temporary school crossing guard at the Intersection of Benson and Hendrick Ave. In November 2021, a driver hit a 3-year old McMurrich student, while driving a car at the intersection of Benson and Hendrick Avenues. This incident brought to light serious safety flaws at that particular intersection, and around the school zone in general. My office has been working with traffic operations staff, the School Council, and the Police over parking and other design changes. A top immediate priority identified was the placement of a school crossing guard at Benson and Hendrick.

While Transportation Services staff informed my office that the location is not warranted as per a technical analysis conducted, I submitted a request in November 2022 to override the technical analysis. Due to continued concerns around safety at this intersection by the School Community, I am again requesting an override of the technical analysis to keep the guard in place for another year while we continue to work with Police Services and Transportation Services on the parking and design changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Toronto East York Community Council:

1. Override the technical analysis and authorize the placement of a temporary School Crossing Guard at the intersection of Benson Avenue and Hendrick Avenue until a subsequent warrant analysis can be conducted in Q4 of 2024.

Sincerely,



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