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**To:** Scarborough Community Council  
**From:** Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services  
**Re:** Warden Avenue and Freeman Street and the placement of a temporary School Crossing Guard – Motion Memorandum  
**Wards:** 20, Scarborough Southwest

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Transportation Services has been requested by a local councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present in a motion to Scarborough Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

### Summary

- Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

Draft Recommendation:

1. Request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to install a temporary school crossing guard at the intersection of Warden Avenue and Freeman Street, despite the location not meeting current warrants, until a subsequent warrant analysis can be conducted by the end of Q4 2026.

Two School Crossing Guard (SCG) Warrant studies have been completed to determine if a SCG is warranted at the Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) intersection on Warden Avenue at Freeman Street. The first study was completed in 2022, and the second study was completed in October 2025. Both studies concluded that the SCG is not warranted. Both studies resulted in zero approaches being warranted for the any shift period (morning, lunch, or dismissal). Although the student minimum threshold was met only for the South Approach (PXO), the vehicle volumes observed were very low and no other warrant factors were observed to warrant the SCG. There were zero collisions over the past three years, no KSI incidents within the last five years, no visibility concerns, no significant student/vehicle interaction concerns, and no significant traffic operation concerns observed throughout all shift periods.

In addition to the recent study results that confirm the SCG was not warranted from the initial study in 2022, staff **do not support** the installation of any temporary School Crossing Guards with the exception at locations where there was a KSI incident involving an eligible student (JK- Gr 5) on their commute to/from school. It is significantly more challenging to remove a SCG once they have been initiated, regardless of warrant results and data to justify the removal.

### **Cost**

The cost associated with approving the draft recommendation for one temporary SCG until December 31, 2026, is approximately \$30,000.00.

In addition to the operating cost of the SCG for the year, this draft recommendation may impact the installation of warranted locations for the 2026 calendar year. Although there is approved Operating budget to add up to 50 new locations each year, there are currently more warranted locations in queue to be initiated that would exceed the budgeted 50 locations. Therefore, completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the councillor and approved by Community Council.

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