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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services
Re: Kingston Road and McCowan Road/Cathedral Bluffs Drive and the placement of a temporary School Crossing Guard – Motion Memorandum
Wards: 20, Scarborough Southwest

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 second temporary school crossing guard at the intersection of Kingston Road and McCowan Road / Cathedral Bluffs Drive, despite the location not meeting current warrants, until a subsequent warrant analysis can be conducted by the end of Q4 2026.

A School Crossing Guard (SCG) Warrant study was completed in August 2025 to determine if a second SCG is warranted at Kingston Road and McCowan Road/Cathedral Bluffs Drive. The study concluded that a second SCG was not warranted. The study resulted in only one approach (East) being warranted for the dismissal shift only. These results would typically not warrant the first SCG. However, since this location already had a permanent SCG, no further action was taken and the initial SCG was retained at this location. For all other approaches (North, South, and West), the minimum student thresholds of eligible students (JK – Gr. 5) were not met for any shift period (morning, lunch, or dismissal).

In addition to the recent study results and the presence of the initial SCG at this location, 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. Staff recommends prioritizing and escalating a subsequent study, instead of installing a temporary SCG to confirm the results and observations.

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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