



MINUTES

TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012 – 5:00 P.M

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Meredith Johnson (Trustee Ward 9 & 10 - Peel District School Board)
Peter Westbrook (Citizen Member Ward 2)
Edgar Lethbridge (Citizen Member Ward 4)
Louise Goegan (Citizen Member Ward 5)
David Brown (Citizen Member Ward 6) **(CHAIR)**
Heather Relf (Citizen Member Ward 9)
David Raakman (Citizen Member Ward 10) **(VICE-CHAIR)**
Bill McBain (Citizen Member Ward 11)

Member Absent

Councillor Sue McFadden
Anna Abbruscato (Trustee Ward 4 -Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board)
Boris Swedak (Citizen Member Ward 3)
Vikram Rao (Citizen Member Ward 7)
Doug Fryers (Citizen Member Ward 8)

Advisory Board

Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations
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Date of Next Meeting – February 22, 2012

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

David Brown, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST

David Raakman, Vice- Chair declared a conflict of interest with respect to any Agenda items specific to Ward 10 due to his temporary position in the Ward 10 office and in accordance with Council Resolution Number 0301- 2011. He left the meeting when the Ward 10 matter concerning Oscar Peterson Public School was heard by Traffic Safety Council.

PRESENTATIONS/ DEPUTATIONS

Jane McCann, Resident, Sanja Pajovic, Resident and Edel Gallivan, Resident made a deputation with respect to safety concerns at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road and Creditview Road/ Central Parkway and the walking route from the intersection to Queenston Drive Public School, 3520 Queenston Drive Public School, Ward 6.

David Brown, Chair, outlined the mandate of Traffic Safety Council and noted that City of Mississauga Staff and Traffic Safety Council members work together to address traffic safety concerns for students, parents and schools.

Ms. McCann addressed the Traffic Safety Council and noted that grade seven (7) and eight (8) students living in her neighbourhood were no longer eligible for bussing to Queenston Drive Public School. She noted that she had concerns with respect to the walking route students had been directed to use and requested that grade seven (7) and eight (8) students in her area be provided with a permanent exemption from bussing restrictions due to safety concerns along the walking route.

Ms. McCann then outlined concerns regarding the walking route which included intersections students were crossing, students taking a short cut through the Go Train station and across the Go Train tracks, students being directed to walk through six hundred and fifty meters (650 m) of uninhabited land, students walking through areas where construction is currently taking place, accidents that have taken place at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road and Creditview Road, and concerns regarding the construction of an access from the Go Train Station to Burnhamthorpe Road. Mr. Brown stipulated that there would be no access from the Go Train Station to Burnhamthorpe Road so this should not concern parents. Ms. McCann also noted that one hundred and fifty (150) signatures were collected from residents who share these concerns.

Mr. Brown detailed the site inspection conducted at Burnhamthorpe Road and Creditview Road and along the walking route to Queenston Drive Public School and outlined the findings. He confirmed that the site inspection subcommittee had walked the route and as per the inspection report, *“There are no concerns with the physical conditions of the walking route from Burnhamthorpe Road and Creditview Road/ Central Parkway to The Creditwoodlands”*. Mr. Brown also noted that Traffic Safety Council did not support the short cut through the Go Station and across the Go tracks but noted that this short cut was not part of the proposed walking route and parents must continue to be proactive in ensuring that students do not take this short cut. Louise Goegan, Citizen Member, noted that if students are using a hole in the Go Station fence to access the short cut, parents need to contact Go Transit and request that the hole be fixed to restrict access and suggested that the Ward 6 Councillor could help with getting the fence repaired.

Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4 sought clarification regarding the fill up the bus program. Mr. Brown noted that there is space on the bus in the morning and clarified that because of this, the grade seven (7) and eight (8) students who are ineligible for bussing are bussed in the morning. Ms. McCann explained that in the afternoon, other busses transporting students from Queenston Drive Public School did have space and suggested that ineligible students could have a seat on these buses if bussing routes were re-evaluated. Mr. Brown noted that re- routing school busses in the area would be up to Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) but suggested that Traffic Safety Council could request that STOPR re-evaluate bus routes with the view of accommodating the ineligible students.

Discussion ensued regarding bussing eligibility and it was noted that eligibility criteria had not changed and that STOPR had undertaken a review of the eligible students and had found in a number of instances, students did not meet distance criteria. It was also noted that due to bussing policies set by the Peel District and Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Boards, a permanent solution would likely not be found. It was suggested that the matter could be re-visited each year if necessary.

Discussion ensued with respect to the placement of Crossing Guards at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road and Creditview Road. It was noted that as per the City of Mississauga’s Traffic Safety in School Zones Corporate Policy and Procedure, policy number 10-03-01, Crossing Guards are placed at intersections that meet the warrant criteria for students in kindergarten to grade five (5).

RECOMMENDATION

That Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) be requested to review the bus routes for students attending Queenston Drive Public School, 3520 Queenston Drive, to determine if those students ineligible for bussing can be accommodated and to maximize the space available; and that STOPR report back to Traffic Safety Council.

APPROVED - (P. Westbrook)
Recommendation - TSC-0001-2012

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Traffic Safety Council meeting held on November 23, 2011.

APPROVED – (B. McBain)

2. Site Inspection Report – Ashgrove Public School and All Saints Catholic School, Ward 8

Site Inspection Report for the inspection conducted on December 1, 2011 to review the warrants for placing a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Galbraith Drive and Rossland Crescent / Wilmar Crescent for students attending All Saints Catholic School, 4105 Colonial Drive and Ashgrove Public School, 3215 Thorncrest Drive.

It was noted that concerns had been raised by a resident regarding the removal of the School Area Sign (WC1). This was considered by the Committee and it was pointed out that the Transportation and Works Department would take the resident's concern under advisement when the feasibility of removing the sign was reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the request for a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Galbraith Drive and Rossland Crescent / Wilmar Crescent for students attending All Saints Catholic School, 4105 Colonial Drive and Ashgrove Public School, 3215 Thorncrest Drive, be denied as the warrants have not been met.

2. That the Transportation and Works Department be requested to review the feasibility of removing the School Area Sign (WC1) on Galbraith Drive as there is no school located along this road.

APPROVED – (E. Lethbridge)
Recommendation - TSC-0002-2012

3. Site Inspection Report – Tecumseh Public School, Ward 2

Site Inspection Report for the inspection conducted on December 13, 2011 to review pedestrian safety along Gregwood Road and Caldwell Avenue for students attending Tecumseh Public School, 1480 Chriseden Drive.

An email dated January 24, 2012, to Steve Barrett, Manager, Transportation and Asset Management, and directed from Mr. Barrett to Traffic Safety Council, from Pat and Andy Isner outlining their concerns and opposition to the installation of the sidewalk along Gregwood Road, was distributed to Traffic Safety Council. The email was received and the concerns outlined in the email were considered by the Committee.

David Brown, Chair, detailed the history of the matter and noted that the installation of a sidewalk would be the best course of action to mitigate safety concerns for students along Gregwood Road. Mr. Brown also noted that number two (2) of the recommendation was included as the installation of signs would be an immediate solution whereas the sidewalk would take some time to be installed. Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations spoke to the matter and indicated that the Traffic Operations Division would proceed to General Committee with a report regarding the parking prohibition being recommended by Traffic Safety Council.

Discussion ensued with respect to the widening of the walking lanes currently designated along Gregwood Road.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Traffic Safety Council requests that the Transportation and Works Department initiate the appropriate process for the construction of a sidewalk on the easterly side of Gregwood Road from Caldwell Road to Chriseden Drive for students attending Tecumseh Public School, 1480 Chriseden Drive, as there are safety concerns for students walking along Gregwood Road and the construction of a sidewalk will mitigate these concerns.

2. That the Transportation and Works Department review the feasibility of installing No Parking Signs, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. September to June along the easterly side of Gregwood Road, to allow for pedestrian access to the Walking Lane for students attending Tecumseh Public School.
3. That the email dated January 20, 2012 from Pat and Andy Isner, residents, Ward 2, outlining their concerns with respect to the construction of a sidewalk along Gregwood Road be received.

APPROVED – (P. Westbrook)
Recommendation - TSC-0003-2012

4. School Zone Safety (Kiss and Ride) Report – November 2011

RECOMMENDATION

That the School Zone Safety (Kiss and Ride) Report, for the month of December 2011, be received.

RECEIVED – (E. Lethbridge)
Recommendation - TSC-0004-2012

The following recommendations emanated from the School Zone Safety (Kiss and Ride) Report for the month of December 2011:

December 2, 2011

St. David of Wales Catholic School,

Ward 6

Recommendation:

1. That the Transportation and Works Department be requested to do the following at St. David of Wales Catholic School, 4200 Beacon Lane:
 - a. Review the feasibility of removing the Bus Loading Zone Sign on Beacon Lane.
 - b. Review the signage in the vicinity of St. David of Wales Catholic School.

2. That the Community Services Department review the feasibility of installing Offset Gates (Maze Gates) at the entrance to the pathways on Rathburn Road and Sawgrass Crescent to restrict vehicles from accessing school property.

APPROVED – (E. Lethbridge)
Recommendation - TSC-0005-2012

5. Dismissal Report – December 2011 and January 2012

RECOMMENDATION

That the Dismissal Report for the months of December 2011 and January 2012 be received for information.

RECEIVED – (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation - TSC-0006-2012

The following recommendations emanated from the Dismissal Report for the month of December 2011 and January 2012:

December 1, 2011

Briarwood Public School

Ward 4

Recommendation:

1. That the Peel District School Board be requested to review the following at Briarwood Public School, 1065 Mississauga Valley Boulevard:
 - a. Repaint the School Zone Safety (Kiss and Ride) lane in front of the school with one way arrows and to designate a through lane.
 - b. Review signage to ensure that it reflects the changes made to the School Zone Safety (Kiss and Ride).

2. That the Transportation and Works Department review the feasibility of installing "No U-Turn" signs on Mississauga Valley Boulevard in the vicinity of Briarwood Public School.
3. That Parking Enforcement be requested to enforce parking infractions in the vicinity of Briarwood Public School between 2:50 p.m. and 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED - (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation - TSC-0007-2012

December 7, 2011

St. David of Wales Catholic School

Ward 6

Recommendation:

1. That Parking Enforcement be requested to enforce parking infractions in front of St. David of Wales Catholic School, 4200 Beacon Lane between 3:00 p.m. and 3:20 p.m.
2. That the Transportation and Works Department be requested to review the feasibility of removing the Bus Loading Zone sign in front of St. David of Wales Catholic School as the sign is no longer required.

APPROVED - (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation - TSC-0008-2012

December 16, 2011

Oscar Peterson Public School

Ward 10

David Raakman, Vice Chair, Citizen Member, having declared a conflict of interest, left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. due to the discussion surrounding this matter. He returned to the meeting at 6:48 p.m. when discussions had concluded.

Recommendation:

1. That Parking Enforcement be requested to enforce parking infractions in front of Oscar Peterson Public School, 5120 Perennial Drive, between 3:10 p.m. and 3:35 p.m.

2. That the Peel District School Board review the feasibility of removing the concrete walkway on the north east quadrant of school site as a fence has been installed restricting access to school property.

APPROVED - (Councillor Frank Dale)
Recommendation - TSC-0009-2012

6. Traffic Safety Council Budget Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes from the January 18, 2012 Budget Subcommittee meeting be received.

RECEIVED – (B. McBain)
Recommendation - TSC-0010-2012

The following recommendations emanated from the Budget Subcommittee Meeting on January 18, 2012:

RECOMMENDATION

That David Brown, Traffic Safety Council Chair, be appointed as Chair of the Budget Subcommittee of Traffic Safety Council for a term of office to November 30, 2014, or until a successor is appointed.

APPROVED – (B. McBain)
Recommendation - TSC-0011-2012

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Traffic Safety Council Budget, from the January 18, 2012 Budget Subcommittee meeting, be approved.

APPROVED – (B. McBain)
Recommendation - TSC-0012-2012

7. Information ItemsRECOMMENDATION

That the following information items presented at the January 25, 2012 Traffic Safety Council Meeting be received:

- a. Minutes of the January 12, 2012 Walk to School Subcommittee Meeting.
- b. Memorandum dated January 25, 2012 from the Legislative Coordinator listing the Peel District School Board and Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board schools participating in the School Walking Routes Program.
- c. School Board Maintenance Meeting Minutes of the meeting on December 31, 2011 between representatives of Traffic Safety Council and the Peel District School Board regarding maintenance issues at various schools.
- d. Letter dated December 2, 2011 to David Brown, Traffic Safety Council Chair, from Tony Pontes, Director of Education, Peel District School Board with respect to Trustee Meredith Johnson's appointment as the new Peel District School Board representative on Traffic Safety Council.
- e. Letter dated December 15, 2011 to Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, from John B. Kostoff, Director of Education, Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board, with respect to Trustee Anna Abbruscato's appointment as the new Dufferin- Peel Catholic District School Board representative on Traffic Safety Council.
- f. Memorandum from the Manager of Parking Enforcement dated December 5, 2011 reporting on parking enforcement in school zones for the month of November 2011.
- g. Memorandum from the Manager of Parking Enforcement dated January 4, 2012 reporting on parking enforcement in school zones for the month of December, 2011.

RECEIVED – ((E. Lethbridge)
Recommendation - TSC-0013-2012

OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Westbrook, Citizen Member, sought information regarding the installation of a left hand prohibition sign being installed at Edenrose Public School. Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, spoke to the matter and it was noted that this would have to be discussed and dealt with at a later date.

David Brown, Chair, noted that the Budget Subcommittee of Traffic Safety Council had suggested that winter coats be purchased for Traffic Safety Council citizen members for use during site inspections. Samples of the suggested coats were distributed and a breakdown of the cost was presented. It was decided that with City Council's approval, the coats should be purchased.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Traffic Safety Council be authorized to use up to \$1600.00 from the 2012 Traffic Safety Council Budget, for the purchase of winter coats, embroidered with the City of Mississauga's logo, for Citizen Members to wear during site inspections.

APPROVED – (L. Goegan)

Recommendation - TSC-0014-2012

Date of Next Meeting– February 22, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:00 p.m.

(D. Raakman)