Thursday, May 5, 2016

Members Present: Patrick Doran (Chair)
Vishal Arora (Vice-Chair)
Trustee Carrie Andrews, Peel District School Board
Karla Bailey
Daminder Ghumman
Charles Gonsalves
Rakesh Joshi
Max Kazman
Michael Lobraico
Stephane Mukendi
Councillor Pat Fortini – Wards 7 and 8

Members Absent: Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (regrets)
Mike Moffat

Staff, Agency and Organizational Representatives:
Anna Gentile, Central Planning and Operations Officer, Student Transportation of Peel Region
Marcy Macina, East Planning and Operations Officer, Student Transportation of Peel
Thomas Tsung, Manager of Maintenance Services, Peel District School Board
Craig Kummer, Manager of Traffic Engineering Services
Mike Mulick, Acting Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, Corporate Services
Chris King, Supervisor, Traffic Operations
Sgt. Fortunato Manvati, Regional Divisional Traffic Unit, Peel Regional Police
Gary Jarrett, Assistant Division Chief, Fire Prevention
Tracy Guerreiro, Coordinator, Brampton Transit, Public Services
Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor
Margaret Laramore, Assistant Crossing Guard Supervisor
Earl Evans, Deputy Clerk
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   SC045-2016 That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of May 5, 2016, be amended as follows:

   To Add:

   Update re: Items 10., 11., and 12. from Trustee Darryl D'Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

   Carried

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

3. **Previous Minutes**


   The recommendations were approved by Council on April 27, 2016. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

   4.1. Delegation by Erica Duque, Active Transportation Planner, Region of Peel, re: **Bike to School Week - May 30 to June 3, 2016.**

   Erica Duque, Active Transportation Planner, Region of Peel, gave a presentation on Bike to School Week (B2SW) – 2016. She highlighted the following:

   - Celebration of cycling and active transportation – May 30 to June 3, 2016
   - Coordinated by Region of Peel and supported by Metrolinx and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)
   - Seventeen (17) Brampton schools are registered to participate
   - Volunteers for planning and delivering event include teachers and parents
   - Feedback from schools
   - Outcomes include:
     - Installation of bike racks
     - Stronger partnerships with community organizations
     - Increased awareness of cycling safety by students
   - Registration process
   - Incentives and promotional items
   - Goal to connect with 50 schools in Region of Peel
Committee discussion and consideration of this matter included:

- Program that donates bicycles to children
- Health benefits gained from physical activity
- Confirmation that the Peel Regional Police Safety Committee provides information to schools on cycling safety
- Messaging opportunities on Bike Month 2016 and availability of information on website
- Addressing bike rack deficiency at schools

Committee put forward a motion requesting that School Trustees share the information on Bike to School Week with parents and advise them of the health benefits to their children derived from cycling to school.

The following motion was considered:

SC046-2016 1. That the delegation and presentation by Erica Duque, Active Transportation Planner, Region of Peel, re: Bike to School Week – May 30 to June 3, 2016 be received; and,

2. That the School Trustees distribute the information on Bike to School Week to parents in an effort to educate them on the health benefits to their children derived from cycling to school.

Carried

5. Program - Peel Safe and Active Routes to School Committee (PSARTS)

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that next the meeting with Peel Safe and Active Routes to School (PSARTS) Committee is scheduled for May 10, 2016. Metrolinx is expected to attend and participate in a group discussion regarding the Active Transportation School Strategy that was developed for schools by the Committee. Ms. Skirten noted that school travel traffic counts are currently being conducted across the region to capture a representative sample of Peel schools in order to measure the impact of the Active Transportation Schools Strategy which will be launched in the 2016-2017 school year.

6. Program - School Travel Planning Program

For reference, listed below are schools participating in the School Travel Planning (STP) Program:

- Castlemore Public School - 9916 The Gore Road - Ward 10
- Conestoga Public School - 300 Conestoga Drive - Ward 2
Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that forty-five elementary and middle schools are listed to participate in School Travel Planning program implementation. The schools were selected based on the high potential number of students who may walk to school and schools that are subject to be reviewed under the New Schools Infrastructure Improvements Program. A list of the schools will be provided to the committee at a future next meeting.

Ms. Skirten explained that as part of the Active Transportation Schools Strategy, a large scale implementation of the School Travel Planning program is scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year. The schools’ public health nurses will facilitate the program at a number of schools.

7. **Program - Bicycle Parking Pilot Project**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that the final results on the bicycle pilot project will be presented at a future meeting.

8. **Program - Peel Regional Police - Safety Committee**

9. **Correspondence**

10. **New School Openings**

Trustee Carrie Andrews, Peel District School Board, announced that Clark Boulevard Public School is celebrating its 50th year.

On behalf of Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Patrick Doran, Chair, reported that a new school is scheduled to open in 2017 on Veterans Drive, Mount Pleasant Community.

11. **Changes - City's Perspective/School Boards**

On behalf of Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Patrick Doran, Chair, reported that Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is currently undertaking an accommodation review in the East Credit Community due to declining enrolment in the area. Any approved school closures will take place after June 2017.
12. **Additions to Schools/Expected Student Population Increase/Decrease**

On behalf of Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Patrick Doran, Chair, reported that Brampton East (St. Andre), Credit Valley (St. Jean-Marie) and Vales of Humber (St. Patrick) are new communities that are experiencing student population growth.

13. **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Promotional Activities**

Kelly Brooks, Senior Advisor, Communications, stated that the promotional materials for the web page will be finalized next week. Members will be sent a link to the material and may provide feedback to Ms. Brooks before publication on the web.

In response to a question regarding site inspection requests that are available on the City’s website, Ms. Brooks noted the process remains the same.

14. **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council (BSTSCC) Sub-Committee/Ad Hoc Committee**

Committee was advised that the Sub-Committee will be reviewing new school openings in September 2016.

15. **Other/New Business**

15.1. **Discussion at the request of Craig Kummer, Manager, Traffic Services, re: Speed Zones around Schools - Flashing 40 Speed Limits.**

Craig Kummer, Manager, Traffic Services, presented the current policy on School Zones Speed, highlighting the following:

- **Background**
  - Review of policy
  - Highway Traffic Act prescribed statutory speed limit in municipality built up area set at 50km/hr
  - Council may set rates of speed, not exceeding 100km/hr
  - Speed on residential roads adjoining elementary schools set at 40km/hr
  - Flashing 40km/hr allows for reduced speed at certain times during the day

- **Gaps in existing policy**
  - Reduced speed applies only to roads adjacent to elementary schools and only along roads with direct school frontage
Recommendations
- Speed limit reduction of 10km/hr set on all roads adjacent to school properties
- Apply policy to all elementary and secondary schools on City roads

Proposed Work Plan
- Installation of additional 600 40km/hr zone signs
- Installation of additional 11 new Flashing 40km/hr zone signs

Committee discussion and consideration of this matter included:
- Suggestion that digital speed zone signs be placed at different locations to remain effective; response that the majority of signs are on a rotation basis
- Questions regarding speed board signs and staff response that speeds are set and blank boards are used to provide information to the public
- Inclusion of Secondary Schools in the proposed work plan

The following motion was considered:

SC047-2016 That the presentation by Craig Kummer, Manager, Traffic Services, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of May 5, 2016, re: Speed Zones around Schools – Flashing 40 Speed Limits be received.

Carried

15.2. Report from Mike Mulick, Acting Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, Corporate Services, re: School Parking Patrol Statistics - April 2016 (File BH.c.)

Mike Mulick, Enforcement Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview of the subject report. He reported a decline in the number of tickets issued for the month of April. He noted that a report will be presented at a future meeting with statistics from the year 2012 to present.

Committee discussion of this matter included the following:
- Confirmation that drivers are issued tickets after warnings and a suggestion that tickets should be issued without warnings, given that students have been back to school since September 2015
- Request for statistics on warnings issued and staff response that the ticketing process does not offer an option to track warnings
- Comment that fines should be doubled for repeat offenders and a response that the fines are approved by Council and enforced through the City’s Traffic By-law
- Suggestion that a list of the top ten schools with the highest attendance by Enforcement Officers, and for tickets issued, be created and that a different approach be considered for these schools
- Continuous messaging to the public that safety around schools is imperative
- Overview of the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) considered to be a more flexible process parking penalties
- Review of the schools with little or no attendance by Enforcement Officers and determine what rules/regulations and safety measures are followed
- Parking on both sides of the road around schools creates challenges for Fire and Emergency when they respond to an emergency at the school

The following motion was considered:

SC048-2016 That the report from Mike Mulick, Acting Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of May 5, 2016, re: Enforcement and By-law Services – School Patrol Statistics – April 2016 (File BH.c) be received.

Carried

16. **Site Inspection Report(s)**

16.1. **Fairlawn Public School – 40 Fairlawn Boulevard – Ward 10**
Park and Ride Issues/Parking/Traffic Congestion
Thursday, April 13, 2016 – 8:40 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.

Committee reviewed the observations and recommendations in the site inspection report and considered the following motion.

SC049-2016 1. That the site inspection be received; and,

2. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services visit the school during arrival and dismissal times to enforce the signs; and,

3. That Peel District School Board consider painted lines and lettering to indicate a Through Lane and a Kiss and Ride Lane; and,

4. That the Principal provide information to educate parents on obeying safety rules and driver awareness.

Carried
16.2. **Birchbank Public School – 52 Birchbank Road – Ward 7**  
Pedestrian Safety/Parking Concerns/Traffic Congestion  
Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

Committee reviewed the observations and recommendations in the site inspection report and considered the following motion.

**SC050-2016**  
1. That the site inspection be received; and,

2. That the Manager of Traffic Services arrange for the installation of No Stopping signs Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the North side of Birchbank Road, between Belmont Drive and Avondale Boulevard; and,

3. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services allocate staff to visit the location following the installation of the signs to ensure that the No Stopping signs are being observed; and,

4. That the Peel District School Board consider a hatched walkway on the Kiss and Ride from the grassy island to the sidewalk across the Kiss and Ride on the west side of the driveway; and,

5. That the Peel District School Board place appropriate signage to indicate the Kiss and Ride drop off area.

Carried

16.3. **Goldcrest Public School – 24 Goldcrest – Ward 8**  
Kiss and Ride Issues/Parking/Traffic Congestion  
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 8:15 a.m. and 3:05 p.m.

Committee reviewed the observations and recommendations in the site inspection report and considered the following motion.

**SC051-2016**  
1. That the site inspection be received

2. That the Manager of Parking Enforcement and Bylaw Services arrange for Parking Control Officers to visit the school during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times; and

3. That the Peel District School Board arrange for a Kiss and Ride sign to be posted at the entrance of the Kiss and Ride area; and,
4. That the Manager of Traffic Services arrange for the installation of 
a fluorescent school sign for northbound traffic on Goldcrest 
Road, south of the school. 
Carried

17. **Future/Follow-up Site Inspection(s)**

Committee was advised that construction is completed at Roberta Bondar 
Public School and a site inspection will be scheduled (See Item 18.)

Thomas Tsung, Manager of Maintenance Services, Peel District School Board, 
advised that a presentation will be provided at the next meeting on the 
construction of the new entranceway.

18. **Site Inspection Schedule**

The following site inspection was scheduled:

**Roberta Bondar Public School – 30 Pantomine Boulevard - Ward 6**
Thursday, May 12, 2016 – 7:50 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.
Safety Concerns / Traffic Congestion

19. **Information Items**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, reported that Parachute Canada is 
participating in a Safe Kids Week event at Century Gardens on May 27, 2016. 
City staff and crossing guards will be present. Traffic Services will provide a 
mock pedestrian signal and demonstrate to students how to use the signal 
bUTTONs and cross the road. Information from the Peel Police Safety Committee 
will be available for participants.

20. **Question Period**

Staff responded to the following questions:

1. The difference between No Parking and No Stopping signs
2. Establishment of a subcommittee that would be responsible for providing 
suggestions to Enforcement Officers on measures that may be taken with 
respect to repeat traffic offenders around schools
3. Date of the Crossing Guard Appreciation banquet
4. Members attendance at site inspections and a reminder that participation of all members at site inspections is a requirement of the Committee.

21. Public Question Period

22. Adjournment

SC052-2016 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried