Thursday, September 1, 2016

Council Committee Room
4th Floor – Brampton City Hall

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

Members Absent: Karla Bailey (regrets)

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
Craig Kummer, Manager, Traffic Services
Mike Mulick, Interim Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services
Chris King, Supervisor, Traffic Operations
Tracey Guerreiro, Coordinator, Transit
Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor
Margaret Laramore, Assistant Crossing Guard Supervisor
Kelly Brooks, Senior Advisor, Communications
Earl Evans, Deputy Clerk
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   SC058-2016 That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of September 1, 2016, be approved, as amended, to add the following items:


      Carried

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

3. **Previous Minutes**


   The recommendations were approved by Council on June 22, 2016. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**


   Chris King, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, advised that Traffic Operations is one of five groups under Traffic Services. He provided the following overview:

   ➢ Responsibilities of Traffic Operations include:
     o site plan drawings, capital projects, traffic by-laws
     o signage, traffic safety and calming measures
     o pavement markings
Highway Traffic Act Changes
  - Pedestrian rights at school crossings controlled by crossing guard and pedestrian crossovers

School Zone Speed Limits
  - regulated by Highway Traffic Act and City of Brampton
  - application and explanation of
    - Flashing 40 km/h school zones
    - 10 km/h speed limit reduction

Pedestrian Crossovers

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. King provided clarification with respect to the following:

- Flashing 40 km/h school zones in effect 10 minutes before and after schools are enforced by the City
- Reduction of the speed limit by 10K/h around schools where the flashing 40 km/h is not applied
- Policy is now applicable to secondary schools and the speed limit signs are being modified in phases
- Need for pedestrian crossovers and line markings
- Drivers must yield the complete roadway at pedestrian crossovers and at locations where a crossing guard is present

Mr. King advised that the changes to Highway Traffic Act are available in the Ontario Traffic manual.

The following motion was considered:

SC059-2016 That the presentation by Chris King, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of September 1, 2016, re: Duties of Traffic Operations be received.

Carried

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

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that staff and representatives from the agencies and organizations involved in this program will be participating in a full day workshop on September 23, 2016 at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre located at 4141 Living Arts Drive. Metrolinx will also be in attendance. An update will be provided at a future meeting.
6. **Program - School Travel Planning Program**

Below, for reference, is a list of schools participating in the School Travel Planning Program.

- Castlemore Public School – 9916 The Gore Road – Ward 10
- Conestoga Public School – 300 Conestoga Drive – Ward 2
- Beryl Ford Public School – 45 Ironshield Drive – Ward 10
- Father C.W. Sullivan Catholic School – 62 Seaborn Road – Ward 1

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, indicated that staff is working with Region of Peel, Health Services to educate and encourage new schools to join the program. It is anticipated that forty schools will be added for the next school year. She suggested the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Subcommittee assist with the safety audit.

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

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that City staff is awaiting the final results on the bicycle pilot project from staff of the Region of Peel. She indicated that another project to provide additional bike racks at schools is being considered.

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

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that the Peel Regional Police Safety Committee recently decided to have a member of Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board chair the Committee. A meeting will be held to establish a new structure for the Committee.

9. **Correspondence**

9.1. Correspondence from Harita Vyas, Brampton, re: Request for Site Inspection to Review Traffic Congestion at Intersection of Eagle Plains Drive and Airport Road, and Airport Road and Camrose Street.

Harita Vyas, Brampton resident, expressed concern about the safety of students who walk on Airport Road to attend Eagle Plains Public School, located at 40 Eagle Plains Drive. The intersection of Airport Road and Eagle Plains Drive is difficult and dangerous for students to cross as there are no traffic signals. To avoid the intersection, students cross at Camrose Street; however, without a marked pedestrian crossing this is also unsafe. She requested a crosswalk at Camrose Street and Airport Road.
Another Brampton resident who was in attendance at the meeting reiterated the concerns expressed by Ms. Vyas.

In response to questions from Committee, staff advised that the issue may be that students are no longer eligible for bussing and parents feel that walking along Airport Road is unsafe for students. Staff suggested that a site inspection be undertaken. Staff noted that Airport Road is a Regional Road and that Regional staff will be asked to attend the site inspection.

The following motion was considered.

SC060-2016 1. That the correspondence and delegation from Harita Vyas, Brampton resident, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of February 4, 2016, re: Request for Site Inspection to Review Traffic Congestion at Intersection of Eagle Plains Drive and Airport Road, and Airport Road and Camrose Street – Eagle Plains Public School – Ward 10, be received; and

2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

Carried


Committee was reminded that a site inspection was conducted in April 2013 for this school. Committee reviewed the subject site inspection request and considered the following motion.

SC061-2016 1. That the correspondence from Ban Gat, Brampton resident, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of September 1, 2016, re: Request for Site Inspection to Review Parking Issues and Traffic Congestion on James Potter Road and Creditview Road – James Potter Public School – Ward 6, be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

Carried
10. **New School Openings**

Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, advised that St. Alphonsa Catholic Elementary School, located at 60 Olivia Marie Drive, is scheduled to open on September 6, 2016.

Trustee Carrie Andrews, Peel District School Board, advised that Jean Augustine Secondary School, located at 500 Elbern Markell Drive, will open on September 6, 2016. The opening of Tribune Drive Public School, located at 30 Tribune Drive is delayed until October 2016. Students for this school will be bussed to holding schools.

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, noted that City staff will visit Jean Augustine Secondary School to ensure that signage on school property with respect to Kiss and Ride, internal operations, and street safety is appropriately addressed.

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

Trustee Carrie Andrews, Peel District School Board, indicated that the Peel Board of Education has decreased the criteria distance for students for bus transportation from 3.2 to 2 kilometres to their designated school.

12. **Additions to Schools/Expected Student Population Increase/Decrease**

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

Kelly Brooks, Senior Advisor, Communications, advised that letters on behalf of the Committee were sent to the two school boards’ administration for distribution to all principals. The focus of the letters is traffic safety matters around Brampton schools, frequently asked questions pertaining to safety and the availability of resources on the City’s website. Ms. Brooks indicated that a copy of the letters will be emailed to the Committee.

In response to questions from Committee regarding communication to the public, staff advised that information is available through the City’s corporate twitter account, and Public Works twitter account. Messages may also be sent by tweets through Brampton Roads account.
14. **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council (BSTSCC) Sub-Committee/Ad Hoc Committee**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, indicated that the Sub Committee may be participating in activities such as walkabouts, at site inspections or when the school travel planning program gets underway.

15. **Other/New Business**


Mike Mulick, Interim Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview of the report on School Zone Parking Enforcement for the year 2012 to present. He noted an annual increase on the number of patrols and the number of tickets issued. He identified 10 schools with the highest percentages of tickets issued for 2015/2016, breakdown of student population, number of patrols and number of tickets for each school.

In response to questions regarding attendance at the Khalsa Community School, located at 69 Maitland Street, Mr. Mulick explained that staff patrols the vicinity and tickets are issued when necessary. Officers also will take the opportunity to educate parents on public safety.

The following motion was considered:

**SC062-2016** That the report from Mike Mulick, Interim Manager, Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of September 1, 2016, re: School Patrol Statistics 2015-2016 (File BH.c) be received.

Carried

15.2. **Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, re: Update - Progress of Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Recommendations.**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, provided an overview of the subject report.

In response to questions from Committee, Craig Kummer, Manager, Traffic Services, explained that some actions in the recommendations that require services from agencies outside the City, with respect to signals or traffic operations, will not be completed until the subdivisions are assumed by the City.
The school boards will be providing annual reports on recommendations at a future meeting.

The following motion was considered:

SC063-2016 That the update from Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of September 1, 2016, re: Progress of Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Recommendations be received.

Carried

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

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

18. **Site Inspection Schedule**

Site Inspections were scheduled as follows:

Eagle Plains Public School – 40 Eagle Plains Drive – Ward 10
Friday, September 9, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.
Pedestrian safety /Traffic Congestion

James Potter Public School – 9775 Creditview Public School – Ward 5
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 8:15 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Congestion / Parking Issues

St. Alphonsa Catholic Elementary School – 80 Olivia Marie Drive – Ward 4
Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
New School Opening

Jean Augustine Secondary School – 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 7:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.
New School Opening
19. **Information Items**

20. **Question Period**

21. **Public Question Period**

   In response to a question regarding the decision on Eagle Plains Public School, staff explained the timelines for Council approval of the minutes.

22. **Adjournment**

   SC064-2016 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., or at the call of the Chair.

   Carried

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   Patrick Doran, Chair