Thursday, February 7, 2019

Boardroom WT-2C/WT-2D
2nd Floor – West Tower

Members Present:  Patrick Doran (Chair)
                 Max Kazman (Vice-Chair)
                 Trustee Balbir Sohi, Peel District School Board (Alternate)
                 Trustee Darryl D’Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
                 Wendell Cole
                 Charles Gonsalves
                 Albert Masih
                 City Councillor Charmaine Williams – Wards 7 and 8

Members Absent:  Michael Lobraico (resigned)
                 Daminder Ghumman (regrets)
                 Rakesh Joshi (regrets)
                 Stephane Mukendi

Staff, Agency and Organizational Representatives:
                 Dale Lucas, Project Coordinator, Plant Services, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
                 Dave Marcotte, Maintenance Services, Peel District School Board
                 Craig Kummer, Senior Manager, Traffic Services
                 Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor
                 Elsetia Rhudd, Team Lead, Crossing Guard, Traffic Services
                 Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**SC015-2019** That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, be approved, as amended, to add the following items:

7.1 Correspondence from Regional Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Rainstorm Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard – Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Drive – Ward 9**

7.2 Correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive – St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6**

7.3 Correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: **Review Safety Concerns at the intersection of Bovaird Drive and Creditview Road – Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5**

11.1 Discussion at the request of Councillor Charmaine Williams, re: **Root Causes of Traffic Congestion around School Sites**

11.2. Update from City Clerk’s Office staff, re: **Michael Lobraico, Member of Committee**

   Carried

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

3. **Previous Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes - Brampton School Traffic Safety Council - January 17, 2019**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on January 30, 2019 and the recommendations were approved by Council on February 6, 2019. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information.
City Clerk’s staff noted comments from Committee regarding the Trustee and staff of Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

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

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that the Committee, (PSARTS), has established sub-committees and the membership includes School Trustees, Active Transportation, Regional staff, Peel Health and Police Services. The sub-committees were responsible for visiting schools, reviewing infrastructure to determine if additional safety improvements were required, and consider options to ensure educational information were presented at schools.

6. **School Travel Planning Program/Sub-Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Participation**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that two walkabouts were undertaken in the past few weeks. The School Travel Planning program was coordinated with Region of Peel staff and the purpose was to identify and address safety issues around the schools.

7. **Correspondence**

7.1. Correspondence from Regional Councillor Dhillon re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Peter Robertson Boulevard and Rainstorm Road – Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Road – Ward 9**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, provided an overview of the request and advised Committee that previous inspections conducted for this school resulted in a recommendation that the crossing guard be placed at the signalized intersection on Great Lakes Drive. This was to accommodate another school in the area and to provide an additional safety measure for pedestrians. She noted that students and parents also use a pathway at the rear of the school and suggested that a site inspection be undertaken of the pathway and the intersection of Peter Robertson Boulevard and Rainstorm Road.

Committee was advised that Councillor Dhillon indicated that there was support from the area residents for a crossing guard at the intersection.
Committee reviewed the request and noted the comments provided by staff. The following motion was considered:

SC016-2019 1. That the correspondence from Regional Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February, 2019 November 15, 2018, re: Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Rainstorm Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard – Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Drive – Ward 9 be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken.  

Carried

7.2. Correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive – St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, provided an overview of the site inspection request for a crossing guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive. She indicated that improvements in infrastructure at the intersection was anticipated, and that traffic lights may be installed resulting in the removal of the school bus service for students living north of Wanless Drive.

In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Skirten explained that in situations resulting in improved infrastructure or boundary changes, staff will undertake an inspection to determine if any safety concerns need to be addressed. The school can be added to the list for a site inspection before the start of the new school year in September 2019.

Committee discussed the need for a crossing guard at the intersection given the potential infrastructure improvements and considered the following motion:

SC017-2019 1. That the correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, re: Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive - St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6, be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken before September 2019.  

Carried
7.3. Correspondence at the request of Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: **Review Safety Concerns at the intersection of Bovaird Drive and Creditview Road – Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, provided an overview of the site inspection request and advised that secondary schools were not assigned crossing guards. She explained however, that in some circumstances staff will undertake site inspections when safety concerns around school sites are expressed. For this secondary school, staff suggested that a site inspection be undertaken at a future date. The traffic signal timing and signage will be reviewed to determine if any improvements were required to ensure safety for pedestrians and students.

Committee reviewed the site inspection request and considered the comments provided by staff.

The following motion was considered:

SC018-2019  1. That the correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, re: **Review Safety Concerns at the intersection of Bovaird Drive and Creditview Road - Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5** be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken at a future date.

Carried

8. **New School Openings** - nil

9. **Changes/Updates to School Boards/Student Population** - nil

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

Craig Kummer, Senior Manager, Traffic Services, advised that the City was considering the installation of pedestrian crossovers (PXO) throughout the City during the course of year. He explained that there were four levels of crossovers in Ontario which range from pedestrian signs, pavement markings and overhead flashing beacons. The intent was to improve traffic and increase pedestrian safety.
In response to questions Mr. Kummer indicated that the crossovers will be installed on local roads only and work will begin pending budget approval. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

11. **Other/New Business**

11.1. Discussion at the request of Councillor Charmaine Williams, re: **Root Causes of Traffic Congestion around School Sites**.

Councillor Williams was concerned about traffic congestion at school sites during arrival and dismissal times and sought Committee’s perspectives on the reasons given that Members were present at site inspections.

Committee provided the following comments:

- Parents/caregivers will not walk their children to school
  Some parents believe areas are not safe for children to walk by themselves
- Possible changes by the school boards with respect to picking up kindergarten aged children
- Mixed messaging from the schools to parents
- Some schools are not following the guidelines as provided by the school boards
- More frequent promotion of active transportation by schools

In response to the comments that some areas are unsafe for walking, staff advised that there were no statistics to support this statement. Staff noted that members of the Peel Safe and Active Routes to School program and School Travel Planning, which include staff from the Region of Peel, walk the routes the students travel to school to identify any issues/barriers that may impact the safety of students. The intent of these programs was to encourage active transportation.

11.2. Update from City Clerk’s Office staff, re: **Michael Lobraico, Member of Committee**

The City Clerk’s Office staff advised that Michael Lobraico, Member, has ended his participation in the Committee as he no longer lives in Brampton. The quorum requirement will be reduced by one member for future meetings, until such time as new members are appointed.
12. **Site Inspection Report(s)**

Note: Due to severe cold weather conditions in January 2019, the following site inspections were rescheduled. The reports will be listed on the agenda on March 7, 2019.

- St. Jean-Marie Vianney Catholic School, 75 Jordensen Drive – Ward 5
- Castle Oaks Public School, 155 Castle Oaks Crossing – Ward 10
- Calderstone Public School, 160 Calderstone Road – Ward 8
- Westervelts Corners Public School, 20 Brickyard Way – Ward 1
- Ridgeview Public School, 25 Brenda Avenue – Ward 3

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

The following schools were added to the list for future site inspections:

- Esker Lake Public School, 10420 Heart Lake Road – Ward 2
- Carrefour Des Jeunes French School, 375 Centre Street North – Ward 1
- St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6
- Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell – Ward 5

14. **Site Inspection Schedule**

Site Inspections were scheduled as follows:

**Calderstone Public School, 160 Calderstone Road – Ward 8**
Review Crossing Guard Inquiry, Safety Concerns/Traffic Congestion on school street
Monday, February 11, 2019 – 7:50 a.m. and 2:25 p.m.

**Westervelts Corners Public School, 20 Brickyard Way – Ward 1**
Review Safety Concerns/Traffic Congestion on school street
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 – 8:15 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.

**Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Drive – Ward 10**
Review Safety Concerns and Crossing Guard Inquiry at intersection of Rainstorm Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – 7:55 a.m. and 2:40 p.m.
Helen Wilson Public School, 9 Abbey Road – Ward 3
Review Traffic Congestion/Parking Issues at Intersection of Abbey Road and
Golding Road
Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Father C.W. Sullivan Catholic School, 62 Seaborn Road – Ward 1
Review Safety Concerns/Traffic Congestion Madoc Drive and Pennywood Road
Monday, February 25, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.

15. **Information Items** - nil

16. **Question Period** - nil

17. **Public Question Period** - nil

18. **Adjournment**

SC019-2019 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting do now
adjourn to meet again on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Carried

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Patrick Doran, Chair