

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Council Committee Room, 4th Floor – Brampton City Hall

Members Present: Patrick Doran (Chair)
Max Kazman (Vice-Chair)
Wendell Cole
Renee Crone
Michael Gyovai
Baljit Mand
Zeenath Mahajan
Mohan Balasubramaniam
Pathik Shukla
Jashandeep Singh
Trustee Darryl D'Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
City Councillor Charmaine Williams – Wards 7 and 8

Members Absent: Charles Gonsalves (regrets)
Mazhar Khan (regrets)
Abdul Rashid (regrets)
Trustee Kathy McDonald, Peel District School Board

Staff, Agency and Organizational Representatives:

Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services
Jason Attard, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Sgt. Fortunato Manvati, Regional Divisional Traffic Unit, Peel
Regional Police
Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR)
Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, Traffic Services
Margaret Laramore, Team Lead, Crossing Guard
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

SC001-2020 That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, be approved, as amended to add the following items:

6.2 Correspondence from Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard and Margaret Wise-Helmuth, Principal, re: **Request to Review the Kiss and Ride/Bus Loading Operation on School Property – Clark Boulevard Public School, 201 Clark Boulevard – Ward 7**

6.3 Correspondence from Vikramjit Singh, Brampton resident, re: **Request to review Maintenance of the Footpath / Bridge that leads to School – Walnut Grove Public School, 10 Pinestaff Road – Ward 8**

Carried

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

3. **Previous Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes - Brampton School Traffic Safety Council - November 7, 2019**

The minutes were listed for consideration by Committee of Council on January 15, 2020 and approved by Council on January 22, 2020. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

3.2. **Minutes - Brampton School Traffic Safety Council - December 5, 2019**

The minutes were listed for consideration by Committee of Council on January 15, 2020 and approved by Council on January 22, 2020. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations** – nil

5. **Committees, Education and Promotions** – nil

6. **Correspondence**

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- 6.1. Correspondence from Sarah Symington, Brampton resident, re: **Request to Review Traffic Congestion on school street/property – Brampton Secondary School, 251 McMurchy Avenue South / Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School, 325 McMurchy Avenue South – Ward 3**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that the resident was concerned about traffic congestion on school property/street around the two schools and the impact of the congestion on McMurchy Avenue in the vicinity of the school. She suggested that a site inspection be undertaken.

- SC002-2020
1. That the correspondence from Sarah Symington, Brampton resident, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Request to Review Traffic Congestion on school street/property – Brampton Secondary School, 251 McMurchy Avenue South / Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School, 325 McMurchy Avenue South – Ward 3** be received; and
 2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

Carried

- 6.2. Correspondence from Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard and Margaret Wise-Helmuth, Principal, re: **Request to Review the Kiss and Ride/Bus Loading Operation on School Property – Clark Boulevard Public School, 201 Clark Boulevard – Ward 7**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that this school is registered with the School Travel Plan program and a walkabout was conducted recently. This request was a follow-up and review to determine if any measures were required to improve safety in the vicinity of the school. She suggested that a site inspection be undertaken.

Committee reviewed the request and considered the following motion:

- SC003-2020
1. That the correspondence from Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard and Margaret Wise-Helmuth, Principal, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council, re: **Request to Review the Kiss and Ride/Bus Loading Operation on School Property – Clark Boulevard Public School, 201 Clark Boulevard – Ward 7** be received; and,
 2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

Carried

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6.3. Correspondence from Vikramjit Singh, Brampton resident, re: **Request to Review Maintenance of the Footpath / Bridge that leads to School – Walnut Grove Public School, 10 Pinestaff Road – Ward 8**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, advised that Vickramjit Singh, Brampton resident, has requested reintroducing the school bus service for the area due to the weather conditions especially in the winter. The bus service was terminated because of the students close proximity to the school. Students were encouraged to walk to school using the pathway/bridge as required.

Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR), advised that buses were provided based on an eligibility distance measurement from the school site. It was determined that the pathway/bridge, with regular winter maintenance was a safe route for students to walk to school.

In response to questions regarding the winter maintenance, Ms. Skirten advised that communication was sent the the Public Works and Transportation Department on this matter. Staff of the appropriate departments will be contacted to confirm whether regular maintenance has continued.

Committee suggested that based on an update from staff, a site inspection may be scheduled for in the future.

The following motion was considered:

- SC004-2020
1. That the correspondence from Vickramjit Singh, Brampton resident, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Request to review Maintenance of the Footpath / Bridge that leads to School – Walnut Grove Public School, 10 Pinestaff Road – Ward 8** be received;
 2. That an update be provided at a future meeting regarding the maintenance of the footpath/bridge; and,
 3. That a site inspection be undertaken in the future.

Carried

7. **New School Openings** – nil

8. **Changes/Updates to School Boards/Student Population** – nil

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9. **Other/New Business**

9.1. Discussion by staff, re the following:

- **Completion/submission of Mileage Forms**
- **Participation and Attendance at Site Inspections**
- **Police Check Certificates**
- **Use of Members Emails**
- **Use of Safety Council ID Cards**

Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, outlined the process for the submission of mileage forms, the importance of members tracking their travel distance to and from site inspections and the timelines for submitting the forms.

Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, reminded members of the following:

- **Participation and Attendance at Site Inspections**
 - The purpose of joining the Committee, and the need for more frequent participation at site inspections
- **Police Check Certificates**
 - The importance of completing the criminal record screening process
 - Four members failed to complete the process, an opportunity to do so will be provided them once more
 - Failure to complete the process may result in termination from the Committee
- **Use of Members' Emails**
 - Email addresses were to be used for Committee business only, unless otherwise consented by a member
- **Use of Safety Council ID Cards**
 - Safety Council ID cards were to be used only for Site Inspections or any other Committee business as approved by staff

9.2. Report from Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services, re: **School Patrol Statistics for 2019 - 2020 - ending January 6, 2020**

Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services, provided an overview of the subject report. He noted that school attendances and tickets issued for December 2019 were lower compared to other months due to the holidays and snowfall. An increase in attendances is expected now that school has resumed.

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The following motion was considered:

- SC005-2020 That the report from Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **School Patrol Statistics for 2019-2020 - period ending January 6, 2020** be received.

Carried

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

- 10.1. **Claireville Public School, 97 Gallucci Crescent – Ward 8**
Request to review Park and Ride/Parking Issues/Traffic Congestion on school property/school street
Monday, December 16, 2019 - 8:40 a.m. and 3:25 p.m.

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

- SC006-2020 1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Claireville Public School, 97 Gallucci Crescent – Ward 8** be received;
2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
3. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for:
- the replacement of the missing “No Parking” restriction on the south east side of the exit of the school property
 - the replacement of the “No Parking” signage on the east side of Gallucci Crescent at the bend at the south of the school to indicate “No Stopping, Mon-Fri,8-5”
 - the installation of “No U-Turn” signage on Gallucci Crescent in the vicinity of the school;
4. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to enforce the parking restrictions on Gallucci Crescent at school arrival and dismissal times;
5. That Peel Regional Police enforce the “No U-Turns” restrictions on Gallucci Crescent in the vicinity of the school; and,

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6. That the Principal be requested to:
 - continue to encourage and educate the school community on safety in and around the school.
 - ensure that all staff assisting students and parents to cross in designated areas, use a stop sign and wear vests to be more visible.

Carried

10.2. **Sacred Heart Catholic School, 24 Kerwood Place – Ward 2**
Request to review Park and Ride and Safety Concerns
Tuesday, December 17, 2019 - 8:15 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.

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

- SC007-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Sacred Heart Catholic School, 24 Kerwood Place – Ward 2** be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage and educate the school community on safety around schools
 - Cone off the bus loading area to allow buses to enter at arrival and dismissal times
 - Remove the signage at the entrance to bus loading area regarding entry exemptions; and,
 4. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to enforce the parking restrictions on Monte Vista Trail and Kerwood Place during arrival and dismissal times.

Carried

10.3. **Walnut Grove Public School, 10 Pinestaff Road – Ward 8**
Request to review Park and Ride and Safety Concerns
Monday, December 9, 2019 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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

- SC008-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Walnut Grove Public School, 10 Pinestaff Road – Ward 8** be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage and educate the school community on safety around the school
 - Encourage and educate the school community to utilize the school crossing guards that are positioned at Tappet Drive and Pinestaff Road/McVean Drive and Tappett Drive
 - Advise the school staff to direct students/parents to the crossing guards for assistance to cross the roadway on to school property
 - Install a “Bus Only” sign at the entrance to the bus loading area and cone off the entrance until all buses have arrived and exited;
 4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for the installation of “No Stopping” restrictions on the east side of Pinestaff Road from Tappet Drive to the end of the school property;
 5. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to arrange for the enforcement of restrictions on the north side of Tappet Drive and east side of Pinestaff Road at school arrival and dismissal times; and,
 6. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce “No U turn” compliance on Pinestaff Road during school arrival and dismissal times.

Carried

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- 10.4. **Dorset Drive Public School, 100 Dorset Drive – Ward 7**
Request to review Park and Ride/Parking Issues/Traffic Congestion on school property/school street/Crossing Guard inquiry
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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

- SC009-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Dorset Drive Public School, 100 Dorset Drive – Ward 7**, be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage and educate the school community on safety around the school
 - Encourage and educate the school community to cross at the All Way Stop at the intersection of Dorset Drive and Dorchester Drive as a safe way to get to and from school;
 4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for enhanced pavement markings at the intersection of Dorset Drive and Dorchester Drive;
 5. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to enforce the signage restrictions on Dorset Drive at school arrival and dismissal times; and,
 6. That it is the position of the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council that a crossing guard is not warranted at Dorset Drive Public School at this time.

Carried

- 10.5. **Churchville Public School, 90 Bonnie Braes Drive – Ward 4**
Request to review of Traffic Congestion on school street
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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

- SC010-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **Churchville Public School, 90 Bonnie Braes Drive – Ward 4** be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage and educate the school community to utilize the crossing guards assigned to the schools
 - Promote and encourage safety around the school
 - Review the possibility of closing the pedestrian gate on James Potter Road
 - Install signage to indicate “Buses Only” at the entrance to the bus loading area and place cones at the entrance to restrict access
 4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for the following signage:
 - “No Stopping, Monday to Friday, 8-5” restrictions on west side of James Potter Road from Bonnie Braes Drive to directly across from the school northerly property line of Churchville School
 - “No Stopping, Monday to Friday, 8-5” on the east side of James Potter Road from Bonnie Braes Drive to the school pedestrian access gate
 - “No Parking Anytime, Monday to Friday, 8-5” on the east side of James Potter Road from the school pedestrian access gate to the school northerly property line
 - “No Stopping” corner restrictions on the west side of Bonnie Braes Drive at the school driveways.
 - “No U Turn” on Bonnie Braes Drive in the vicinity of the school
 5. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the “No U Turn” restriction on James Potter Road and Bonnie Braes Drive at school arrival and dismissal times; and,

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6. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to enforce the restrictions on Bonnie Braes Drive and James Potter Road during school arrival and dismissal times.

Carried

- 10.6. **St. John Fisher Catholic School, 300 Balmoral Drive – Ward 7**
Request to review Park and Ride/Parking Issues/Traffic Congestion on school property/school street
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 - 8:00 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.

Committee considered a request from Jason Attard, Dufferin-Peel District School Board, to amend the recommendation to add the following clause:

4. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to arrange for more frequent attendances at the school site during arrival and dismissal times.

The following motion was considered:

- SC011-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of January 16, 2020, re: **St. John Fisher Catholic School, 300 Balmoral Drive – Ward 7** be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage and educate the school community on safety around the school
 - Encourage parents to use the walkway that is managed by a staff member for assistance to walk to the sidewalk and access the church parking lot
 - Ensure that the gate that separates the parking lot from the school remains closed at all times
 - Encourage parents to use on street parking to pick up or drop off their children; and,
 4. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to arrange for more frequent attendances at the school site during arrival and dismissal times.

Carried

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11. **Future/Follow-up Site Inspection(s)** – nil

12. **Site Inspection Schedule**

Site Inspections were scheduled as follows:

**Brampton Centennial Secondary School, 251 McMurphy Avenue South /
Bishop Francis Allen Catholic School, 325 McMurphy Avenue South –
Ward 3**

Review Traffic Congestion on school property/street
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 7:55 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Clark Boulevard Public School – 201 Clarke Boulevard – Ward 6

Review Kiss Traffic Congestion on School Street/Crossing Guard
Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 8:10 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.

13. **Information Items**

13.1 Update from Thomas Tsung, Controller of Corporate Support Services, Peel District School Board, re: **Stop-Arm Cameras on School Buses**

Thomas Tsung, Controller of Corporate Support Services, Peel District School Board, provided an update on stop-arm cameras on school buses. He advised that a working group including other municipalities, Councillors, Region of Peel, Peel Regional Police, school boards and staff are working on the regulations to implement the initiative as soon as possible. Matters such as cost sharing, privacy concerns, placement of cameras were being discussed.

In response to questions, Mr. Tsung indicated that the Region of Peel is hosting the meetings and details of the meeting maybe available through the minutes.

14. **Question Period** – nil

15. **Public Question Period** – nil

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16. **Adjournment**

SC012-2020 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting do now adjourn to meeting again on February 6, 2020.

Carried

Patrick Doran, Chair