

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Members Present via Electronic Meeting Participation:

Max Kazman (Vice-Chair)
Wendell Cole
Renee Crone
Charles Gonsalves
Michael Gyovai
Mazhar Khan
Zeenath Mahajan
Abdul Rashid
Trustee Kathy McDonald, Peel District School Board
City Councillor Charmaine Williams – Wards 7 and 8

Members Absent:

Patrick Doran (Chair) (regrets)
Mohan Balasubramaniam
Baljit Mand
Pathik Shukla
Jashandeep Singh
Trustee Darryl D'Souza, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Staff, Agency and Organizational Representatives:

Craig Kummer, Senior Manager, Traffic Services
Peter Bryson, Supervisor, Enforcement and By-law Services
Krystina Koops, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Jay Paquet, Fire and Emergency Services
Amanda Bingle, Supervisor, Service Delivery, Transit
Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, Traffic Services
Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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1. **Call to Order:**

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Audit Committee meeting was limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only. Physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m. and adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

This meeting was conducted with electronic participation by Members, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling roll for attendance at the meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

SC033-2019 That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of September 17, 2020, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

3. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** - nil

4. **Previous Minutes**

4.1. Minutes - Brampton School Traffic Safety Council - March 12, 2020

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on May 6, 2020, and were approved by Council on May 13, 2020. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. **Delegations/Presentations** - nil

6. **Committees, Education and Promotions**

6.1 Update by Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, re:

- Back to School Initiatives and Education
- COVID-19 and Crossing Guards

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Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, provided the following update on back to school Initiatives and safety measure for crossing guards:

- availability of education pieces on the portal
- promotion of safe and active routes to school
- safety blitz and return to school announcements on news outlets
- promotion of active transportation, such as, walking, biking and roller blading to school
- all crossing guard locations are signed with social distancing signage; guards will wear masks at all times
- pedestrians buttons will be displayed automatically so no touching is required while guards are on duty
- an orientation on the COVID-19 protocols were provided to all crossing guards

7. **Correspondence** - nil

8. **New School Openings** - nil

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

9.1 Update by Kathy McDonald, Trustee, PDSB, re: Impact of School Re-opening Plans

Kathy McDonald, Trustee, PDSB, provided an update on the impact of school reopening plans, and responded to comments and questions from Committee and staff as follows:

- Due to the volume of students (approximately 10,000) enrolling for online learning, another reorganization was required to accommodate students
- Online students will begin learning next week and in the meantime, they are provided with a series of school activities to perform each day
- Access to most school parking lots is closed to the public
- Recess is staggered and different entry/exit points are provided for students
- Dismissal times have not changed at schools, however there is a staggered range for dismissal times
- Bussing protocols have been modified with a seating plan and cleaning measures that must be adhered
- Many parents have chosen not to have their children travel on the school bus
- Measures are in place should a student/person is determined COVID-19 positive
- Approximately 67 percent of students are attending school
- Students are discouraged from going home during the lunch period

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- Protocols are followed by staff to accommodate students with accessible/medical needs
- Students are advised not to arrive at school before the arrival time
- Parents are not permitted to drop off food at the school

Trustee McDonald confirmed that a list of the staggered times for arrival and dismissal periods for schools will be forwarded to Enforcement and By-law Services and the Crossing Guard office.

In response to questions from Enforcement and By-law Services staff, regarding potential reconfiguration of schoolyards and entrances to school properties, Kristina Koops, Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Peel, advised that she is unaware of any such plans at this time. She noted that much of the information provided by the Public School Board applies to Catholic School Board, such as, online learning, lunch hour rules and staggered dismissal.

Ms. Koops also noted the following;

- The numbers for elementary and secondary level student attendance at this time, advising that the numbers keep changing - 70 percent of the student population are currently attending school
- Transition point for parents to switch models of learning will be available in November 2020
- St. Leonard Elementary School was burnt down and those students are housed in a holding school

10. **Other/New Business** - nil

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

11.1 Clark Boulevard Public School, 201 Clark Boulevard - Ward 7 - Review Kiss and Ride/Traffic Congestion on School street/Crossing Guard

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

- SC034-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of September 17, 2020, re: Clark Boulevard Public School, 201 Clark Boulevard - Ward 7 be received;
 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested to contact the school's designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;

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3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Ask the school board to check the condition of the asphalt on school property and undertake the necessary repairs to remove existing hazards observed
 - Refresh all the pavement markings on school property
 - Keep the walkway to the school clear at all times for students and parents
 - Install clear signage at the entrance to school property indicating where the Kiss and Ride area is located
 - Re-enforce that all staff/volunteers wear safety vests when managing at arrival and dismissal times
 - Continue to encourage and educate the student population and families to use the crossing guards in place at Central Park Drive and Clark Boulevard
 - Encourage drivers to use Cloverdale Road and Bramalea City Centre parking lot to drop off and pick up students
 - Contact Parking Enforcement to enforce parking restrictions on school property during arrival and dismissal times; and,

4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for the pavement markings at the signalized intersection at the entrance to the Bramalea City Centre and Clark Boulevard, east of the school exit, to be refreshed.

Carried

11.2 Grenoble Public School, 33 Greenbriar Road - Ward 8 - Review Park and Ride, Accessibility Parking, Traffic Congestion on School street/School property, School Bus Zones

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

- SC035-2020
1. That the Site Inspection report to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of September 17, 2020, re: Grenoble Public School, 33 Greenbriar Road - Ward 8 be received;

 2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal contact the school's designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;

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3. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for:
 - A review of the parking restrictions on the west side of Greenbriar Road and consider removing the restrictions to allow cars to park between the entrance and exit of school property
 - Pedestrian lines to be painted on the north leg and east leg of the 3-way stop intersection of Gondola Crescent and Greenbriar Road

4. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Install bus loading signage and pavement markings to indicate a buses only lane
 - Request the Public School Board to review the possibility of adding a Kiss and Ride lane at the front of the school
 - Continue to encourage and educate the student population and families to exercise safety in and around school.
 - Verify that there are no buses using the west side of Greenbriar Road to drop off/pick up students and then remove the exemption signage that is currently in place; and,

5. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to enforce the restrictions on Greenbriar Road in the vicinity of Grenoble Public School during arrival and dismissal times.

Carried

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

- Kingswood Public School, 235 Kingswood Drive - Ward 1 - Review Park and Ride, Traffic Congestion School Street/School property, School Bus Zones

- St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School, 10815 Dixie Road - Ward 9 - Request to Review Park and Ride, Traffic Congestion School Street/School Property, School Bus Zones

- Goldcrest Public School, 24 Goldcrest Road - Ward 8 - Review Park and Ride/Kiss and Ride Safety Concerns

Staff advised that the items listed for follow-up site inspections were scheduled for March 2020, however due to the school closure they were not completed.

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Staff suggested that the items be deferred to the next meeting for review to determine if the inspections are still required, given that the situation around schools have changed.

The following motion was considered:

- SC036-2020 That the following site inspections be deferred to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of October 1, 2020 for review by staff to determine whether they are still required given the changes to school attendance, traffic situation, and arrival and dismissal process:
- Kingswood Public School, 235 Kingswood Drive - Ward 1 - Review Park and Ride, Traffic Congestion School Street/School property, School Bus Zones
 - St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School, 10815 Dixie Road - Ward 9 - Request to Review Park and Ride, Traffic Congestion School Street/School Property, School Bus Zones
 - Goldcrest Public School, 24 Goldcrest Road - Ward 8 - Review Park and Ride/Kiss and Ride Safety Concerns

Carried

13. **Site Inspection Schedule** - nil

14. **Information Items** - nil

15. **Question Period**

Questions, comments and responses included the following:

- benchmarking for outbreaks at schools that may result in the reduction of crossing guards at some sites
 - this will be reviewed and monitored as school progresses; at the moment there may be less students attending schools but traffic volume is still high
- whether traffic is being monitored around certain schools by traffic staff and whether additional staff will be sent to schools if it is determined that some schools have a heavier student population
 - Due to limited staff resources, staff is not monitoring traffic around schools, they are responding to service requests as received and focusing in areas where modification to roadways have been made such as Vodden Street and North Park Drive
- Timelines for repainting crossing at McMurchy Avenue and Kingswood Drive
 - staff will follow-up with the contractor and an update will be provided on the pavement remarking timelines

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- Whether there are precautions during site inspections that must be observed by members
 - the mandatory requirements apply for site inspections such as wearing masks and distancing and a suggestion that Committee members be limited to two or three for each inspection
- Suggestion to communicate with the school principals to advise of site inspections
 - an email will be sent by the crossing guard staff to the school principal to notify them that a site inspection was being conducted

16. **Public Question Period** - nil

17. **Adjournment**

SC037-2019 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting do now adjourn to meet again on October 1, 2020.

Carried

Max Kazman, Vice-Chair