

**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Parking and By-Law Services Division**

<b>TO:</b> Chair and Members Planning Committee	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b> WARDS 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 15
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> October 16, 2012	
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> Adjustments to School Crossing Guard Locations (PED12194) (Wards 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 15)	
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**RECOMMENDATION**

- a) That the revised list of school crossing guard locations resulting from school closures, re-openings and lunch program changes in Wards 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 15, as outlined in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED12194, be approved;
- b) That staff be authorized and directed to consult with the affected Ward Councillors and to use delegated authority for adding and/or removing school crossing guards prior to City Council approval for the proposed changes by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic School Board for the 2012/2013 school year.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff undertakes an annual review of school crossing and potential school crossing locations to ensure safe crossing of school aged children on public highways. In order to ensure all locations are safely covered, City Council has delegated authority to staff to assign temporary school crossing guards in emergency situations until such time as Council approvals can be obtained. In addition, in areas where schools were closed/re-

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opened or where boundaries or lunch programs have been adjusted, it has been necessary to use staff's delegated authority and have new guards in place during the beginning of the 2012/2013 school year. This comprehensive review has identified the need to make the following changes which are outlined in Appendix "A" to this Report:

- re-locate one location due to changing walking patterns;
- re-locate one location due to lack of a wheelchair ramp;
- change one temporary location to a permanent location;
- re-instate one location due to busing changes;
- remove eight locations which are no longer needed due to school closures or lack of children crossing; and,
- suspend one full-time location and one lunch location due to temporary school closure.

Staff monitored the locations contained in "Appendix A" to this Report during the 2011/2012 school year and consulted with all of the affected Ward Councillors prior to making these changes under delegated authority. While staff is confident that the recommended changes are appropriate, ongoing monitoring will continue for the 2012/2013 school year.

***Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3***

**FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** (for Recommendation(s) only)

**Financial:** The recommended changes are expected to result in a net reduction of approximately \$25,000 in expenditures annually. However, it would not be appropriate to adjust the budget as the temporary removals are intended to be reinstated and the other locations are continuing to be monitored.

**Staffing/Legal:** N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (Chronology of events)

At the beginning of the 2012/2013 school year a comprehensive review of school crossing guard locations in the all Wards was undertaken as a result of school closures/re-openings, boundary changes and lunch program changes initiated by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board. The purpose of this review was to assess the feasibility of each school crossing location with respect to changes in child walking patterns and to ascertain appropriately situated school crossing guards ensuring the safe crossing of children on public highways.

Appendix "A" to this Report contains a detailed list of the proposed changes to school crossing guard locations in Wards 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 15 for the 2012/2013 school

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year. Staff monitored these additions and deletions during the 2011/2012 school year and is satisfied that the revised locations adequately service the current child walking patterns. However, staff will continue to monitor 2012/2013 school year in the event that any conditions change since being implemented.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Staff has delegated authority to assign school crossing guards under emergency circumstances and last year's Report authorized removals for the 2011/2012 school year subject to extensive monitoring and consultation with the affected Ward Councillors and School Boards.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Staff of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic School Board, including various elementary school officials and Parent Councils were consulted, as well as each affected Ward Councillor.

**ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

Prior to a school crossing location being approved, staff undertakes a comprehensive review to determine walking and traffic patterns. In the event that there are no regular gaps in traffic or unsafe crossing conditions exist, a school crossing guard may be assigned to a location to provide safe crossing opportunities for elementary school children. Conversely, in utilizing staff in the most effective and fiscally responsible manner, in the event that a comprehensive review determines a guard is no longer warranted a location may be removed and the guard may be re-assigned to another location.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

Failure to relocate school crossing guards in accordance with the school closing/re-openings, boundary changes and lunch program changes would result in an ineffective school crossing program and could place the safety of elementary school children crossing public highways in jeopardy.

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**CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)**

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

***Healthy Community***

- ◆ An efficient and effective school crossing guard program contributes directly to the health, safety and well-being of the community.

**APPENDICES / SCHEDULES**

Appendix "A" to Report PED12194 - Adjustments to School Crossing Locations Chart

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## 2012 - 2013 Changes to School Crossing Locations

Ward	Crossing Location	Status	Comments	Schools Served
1	Aberdeen Ave & Locke St S	Proposed	2011-2012 a temporary location was added. Continued crossings require this location to be made permanent.	St. Josephs, Ryerson, Earl Kitchener
3	Barton & Gage	Removal	School closure June 2012. Children being bused.	King George
3	Delaware & Sherman	Remove and re-locate to Maplewood and Sherman	Depressed curb cannot be installed due to the boulevard's steep slope at the south east corner.	St Columba, Adelaide Hoodless
3	Beechwood & Sherman	Suspend	Temporary closure. Under renovations until Sept 2013	St Anns
3	Barton & Ruth	Suspend Lunch	Temporary closure. Under renovations until Sept 2013	St Anns, Prince of Wales
3	Gage & Primrose	Removal	School closure June 2012. Children being bused.	King George
4	Brittania & Barons	Removal	Holy Name of Jesus re-located to Belmont & Cannon St E in Jan 2012. No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Holy Name of Jesus (holding School)
6	Sunninghill & Upper Gage	Lunch Removal	No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Highview
6	Royal Vista & Upper Gage	Lunch Removal	No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Templemead
8	Hadeland & Upper Paradise	Removal	No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Regina Mundi
9	Queenston & Nash	Remove and re-locate to Queenston and Woodman	Principals are in agreement to this realignment from Nash to Woodman.	Glenbrae, Glenecho
11	Barton & Winona	Re-instate	Proposed removal in 2011 - 2012 school year, however, due to busing changes this location required re-instatement.	Winona Public

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Ward	Crossing Location	Status	Comments	Schools Serviced
15	Braeheid & Guy Brown School	Lunch Removal	No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Guy Brown
15	Keewaydin & Parkside	Lunch Removal	No children crossing. Principal is in agreement with the proposed change.	Allan Greenleaf