

**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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> October 18, 2011	
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> Adjustments to School Crossing Guard Locations (PED11179) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11)	
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b> Tim McCabe General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Pam Carver (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5110
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the revised list of school crossing guard locations resulting from school closures, re-openings and lunch program changes in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 as attached in Appendix "A" to Report PED11179, 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 2011/2012 school year.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff undertakes an annual review of school crossing and potential school crossing locations to ensure safe crossings of school aged children on public highways. In order to ensure all locations are covered, City Council has delegated authority to staff and assign temporary school crossing guards in emergency situations until such time as

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Council approvals can be obtained. In addition, in areas where schools were closed/re-opened or where boundaries or lunch programs have been adjusted, it was necessary to use staff's delegated authority and have new guards in place during the beginning of the 2011/2012 school year. This comprehensive review has identified the need to:

- remove seven existing school crossing locations as no children are crossing;
- remove five existing lunch hour crossing guard locations as no children are crossing;
- add three new crossing guard locations to assist children crossing; and,
- re-instate one crossing guard location due to the re-opening of Holy Name of Jesus School.

Staff monitored the above locations during the 2010/2011 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 2011/2012 school year.

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

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

**Financial:** The recommended changes will result in a net reduction of approximately \$26,000 in expenditures annually. However, no budget reduction is being recommended for the 2012 budget, since the changes are continuing to be monitored as many of these locations may be re-instated upon the re-opening of some schools.

**Staffing/Legal:** N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND** (Chronology of events)

At the beginning of the 2011/2012 school year a comprehensive review of school crossing guard locations in the affected 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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 for the 2011/2012 school year. Staff monitored these additions and deletions during the 2010/2011 school year and is satisfied that the revised locations adequately service the current child walking

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patterns. However, staff will continue to monitor 2011/2012 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.

**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 PED11179 - Adjustments to School Crossing Locations Chart

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**Adjustments to School Crossing Guard Locations Resulting from  
School Re-openings/Boundary Changes and Lunch Program Changes for the  
2011 - 2012 School Year**

Ward 1			
Crossing Locations Added	Crossing Locations Removed	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
Aberdeen Ave & Locke St			- Temporary (Construction)
Dundurn St & Glenside			- Temporary (Construction)
	King St & Pearl St		- IPS (new), no children crossing - Principal in agreement
Ward 2			
Crossing Locations Re-instated	Crossing Locations Suspended	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
		Burlington St & John	- No children crossing - Principal in agreement
Ward 3			
Crossing Locations Re-instated	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
Cannon St & Belmont Ave		Cannon St & Belmont Ave	- School re-opens Jan 2012 - Lunch crossing not re-instated - Principal in agreement
Ward 4			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
Britannia Ave & Kenilworth St			- School closure Jan 2012
Cannon St & Robins Ave			- School closure Jan 2012
		Parkdale Ave & Parkdale School	- IPS (new), no children crossing - Principal in agreement

Ward 5			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
		Albright & Mt Albion	-No children crossing -Principal in agreement
Ward 6			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
Ninth Ave & Upper Gage Ave			-No children crossing -Principal in agreement
Ward 7			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
		Greeningdon Dr & Hester St	-No children crossing -Principal in agreement
Ward 8			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
		Sanatorium Rd & Upper Paradise	-No children crossing -Principal in agreement
Ward 11			
Crossing Locations Removed	Crossing Locations Added	Lunch Crossing Locations Removed	Comments
	Barton St & Lewis Rd		- School opening Jan 2012
Barton St & Winona Rd			- School closure Jan 2012
Highway 8 & Winona			- School closure Jan 2012
Winona Rd & Yellowwood Dr			- School closure Jan 2012