



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 10, 2018

Date: May 2, 2018

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Marianne Alto

Subject: Collaboration for School Crossing Guard Program

Background:

The City of Victoria's Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) adopted the following resolution at its meeting of April 24, 2018:

Crossing Guard Program

Whereas adult school crossing guards play an important role in the lives of children who walk or bicycle to school by helping children safely cross the street at key locations and remind drivers of the presence of pedestrians;

Whereas the presence of adult crossing guards can lead to more parents feeling comfortable about their children walking or bicycling to school;

Whereas it is recognized that an adult school crossing guard can act as a positive role model to help children develop the skills necessary to cross streets safely at all times;

Whereas the City of Victoria has historically provided grant funding to Beacon Community Services to support the adult school crossing guard program at Victoria schools;

And Whereas it is understood that the adult school crossing guard program has been discontinued by Beacon Community Services for the upcoming school year.

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to:

- 1) Write a letter to the Board of Education and Staff at School District 61 asking for District leadership in developing a comprehensive crossing guard solution to address both short term and long term needs;
- 2) Prepare a staff report outlining the roles that the municipality can take to support a crossing guard program for Victoria schools and, if required, dedicate city funds needed to continue a program for the 2018/2019 school year.

Recommendations:

That Council:


1. Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the School District 61 Board of Education, requesting that the District work with the City of Victoria to develop a comprehensive crossing guard solution to address both short-term and long-term needs;
2. Refer the following resolution to staff to report on the resource implications at the next Quarterly Update:

That staff be directed to prepare a report with recommendations on a priority basis outlining the role(s) that the City of Victoria can take to support a crossing-guard program for Victoria schools, including possible resource allocations to ensure continuity of the program for the 2018/2019 school year.

Respectfully submitted,



Councillor Isitt



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