

Council Member Motion For the Special Council Meeting of December 16, 2021

Date: December 11, 2021

From: Councillor Ben Isitt

Subject: Funding for School Crossing Guard Program

Background:

The City of Victoria has received correspondence from the Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association indicating that it will be discontinuing the School Crossing Guard Program within the City of Victoria after December 17, 2021 due to a lack of funding commitment from the City of Victoria. (See Attachment 1)

It is therefore recommended that Council authorize funds to ensure continuity of the School Crossing Guard Program for the remainder of the school year to June 2022, and direct staff to report back with recommendations for improving financial sustainability of the program for the September 2022 to June 2023 school year and future years.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- (1) Authorize funding of up to \$50,000 from the 2021 Contingency for the Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association, with the final amount to be determined by the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Engineering and Public Works, to ensure continuity of the School Crossing Guard Program until the end of June 2022; and
- (2) Direct staff to report back prior to adoption of the 2022 Financial Plan on options for improving financial sustainability of the School Crossing Guard Program for the September 2022 to June 2023 school year and future years.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Isitt

Attachments:

1. Letter from Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association