

Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association



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Honourable Councils of:

City of Victoria
District of Oak Bay
District of Saanich
Town of View Royal

Macaulay PAC Chair
Esteemed SD61 School Board Chair and Trustees
SD61 Superintendent and Administrators
VCPAC Chair and PAC Chairs/Presidents

The Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association will cease operations at our year end July 31, 2022. The crossing guard staff will serve at their posts through June 23, 2022. This was announced in August 2021 to the above addressees with the exception of the PAC chair and Administrators of most of the schools near which we provide services. A list of the intersections we will be leaving is on page 2 of this letter.

This decision was made at the 2021 AGM of the association organized under the Society Act. We agreed our organization and its activities were not sustainable under the circumstance at the time across the 5 municipalities in which we work. Although some concerns have been addressed there are sufficient concerns remaining to follow through on the decision made last year.

A replacement management structure has not been arranged to date. A suggestion has been proposed but it is admittedly not a good long term solution. Our members and staff have been made aware of the gap in management. Many of them remain optimistic that something will be arranged to keep them serving in their assigned intersections. However, they are also looking for other opportunities to fill the need for paying work.

The association was originally organized to fill the need that came from Beacon Community Services moving away from this type of service. It was meant to be a gap filler as the funding entities found a more viable solution to the pedestrian safety needs. A singularly focused group is not the answer to this very important work.

We appreciate the various levels of support we have received from all of the above listed groups and government. We would like to thank those that have made an effort to streamline the process to accessing funding and the quick response we have received when concerns were raised about the road conditions in our work zones.

We apologize to the school PACs that are just hearing about this now. We had hoped we would find a new management plan before letting you know we were closing operations.

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We remain available to help with transition to the next management structure.

Sincerely,
Audrey Smith
President Greater Victoria Crossing Guards Association

GVCGA intersections By School Community(Municipality)

Cloverdale Elementary
Cook & Quadra(Saanich)

Doncaster Elementary
Cedar Hill & Rowan(Saanich)
Shelbourne & Cedar(Saanich)

Eagle View Elementary
Watkiss & Burnside(View Royal)
Watkiss & Talcott(View Royal)

Lansdowne Middle School
Lansdowne & Richmond(Saanich)

Macaulay Elementary
Lampson & Lyall(Macaulay PAC/Esquimalt)
Lampson & Wychbury (Macaulay PAC/Esquimalt)

Margaret Jenkins Elementary
Fairfield & Irving

Marigold Elementary
Burnside & Grange(Saanich)

Oaklands Elementary
Hillside & Gosworth(City of Victoria)
Shelbourne & Ryan(City of Victoria)

Quadra Elementary
Quadra & Finlayson(City of Victoria)
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Sir James Douglas Elementary
Fairfield & Moss(City of Victoria)

South Park Elementary
Michigan & Douglas(City of Victoria)

View Royal Elementary
Helmkin Road at the school(View Royal)

Willows Elementary
Hampshire & Dalhousie(Oak Bay)
Cadboro Bay & Dalhousie(Oak Bay)