

**MEMBER'S RESOLUTION****Date: JUNE 5, 2018 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE****Title: TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS AND ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL****Submitted by: Deputy Mayor, Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri**

**Whereas**, student safety and traffic congestion around school sites are recurring concerns raised by the community; and

**Whereas**, encouraging children to walk, cycle or use other active modes of transportation to school will increase their physical activity; and

**Whereas**, the City employs school crossing guards to ensure the safe crossing of students as they travel to and from school; and

**Whereas**, York Region Public Health Service and the school boards have been a leading advocate in implementing School Travel Planning within the Region; and

**Whereas**, City staff and By-law Officers have been actively engaged with the York Regional Police to address traffic safety issues that involve education, engineering and enforcement; and

**Whereas**, York Region successfully completed a traffic study for Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School outlining the importance of various partners working together to improve road safety; and

**Whereas**, opportunities exist to collaborate with internal and external partners to facilitate road safety education, promote active travel to school, address road safety through engineering measures, strengthen sense of community, and promote a healthy life style; and

**Whereas**, improving safety around school zones and promote active school travel align with the following Term of Council Priorities:

- (1) Continue to develop transit, cycling and pedestrian options to get around the City; and
- (2) Continue to ensure the safety and wellbeing of citizens

***It therefore recommended:***

1. That staff investigate and establish a procedure guideline to address enquires related to traffic congestion and pedestrian safety surrounding school sites;
2. That staff develop tactics and an advocacy strategy to promote traffic safety around school sites and increase active travel to school by engaging stakeholders and partners, including school boards, City staff, York Region Public Health, York Regional Police, City By-Law Officers, parents, students and school administrators, to enhance the safety and health of our community;
3. That staff lead and attend a series of community meetings to discuss traffic and student safety around school sites, engaging a broad spectrum of stakeholders; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Regional Municipality of York, York Regional Police, York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board and Smart Commute North Toronto, Vaughan.

Respectfully submitted,

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