

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2018

Item 31, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 19, 2018, as follows:

***By approving the recommendation contained in communication C8, revised resolution submitted Regional Councillor Ferri, dated June 19, 2018, as follows, subject to replacing the phrase “Working Group” with “Task Force” in recommendation 1.:***

***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 increase the safe crossing of students as they travel to and from school; and***

***Whereas, York Region Public Health Services 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 (copy attached); and***

***Whereas, the City is currently undertaking a Traffic Strategy study, which includes development of a Traffic Data Management Program, a Road Safety Program and a Traffic Management and Control Program, aligned with the Term of Council Priorities; and***

***Whereas, the recommendations of the Traffic Strategy are presently scheduled to be presented to Council in Q2 2019; and***

***Whereas, the City can take a leadership role in pulling together the various agencies involved in facilitating road safety education, promoting active travel to school, addressing road safety through engineering measures, strengthening sense of community, promoting healthy life styles and furthering collaboration and efficiencies in service delivery; and***

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

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

***It therefore recommended:***

- 1. That the Traffic Strategy recommendations include the establishment***

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*of a formal, staff level Working Group focused on Traffic Safety Around Schools and Active Travel to School, led by the City of Vaughan, and include representation from York Region Transportation Services, York Region Public Health, York Regional Police, York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board and Smart Commute North Toronto Vaughan; and*

2. *That City staff be directed to work with stakeholders to develop a brochure outlining the roles and responsibilities of the various governments, agencies and boards responsible for traffic safety around school zones and promoting active travel to school; and*
3. *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*

*By receiving the member's resolution of Regional Councillor Ferri, dated June 5, 2018.*

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#### 31 TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS AND ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of June 19, 2018.

#### Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Ferri

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***It therefore recommended:***

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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
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**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**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mario Ferri  
Deputy Mayor, Local and Regional Councillor