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Motion - Adult School Crossing Guards

ACS2020-OCC-TRC-0015

City Wide

Motion

Moved by Councillor L. Dudas

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion in order to initiate the implementation of eleven additional warranted crossing guard locations in a timely manner as the 2020 school year has already started.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved by Councillor L. Dudas

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa provides crossing guards for children going to elementary schools at intersections that meet the City's criteria as posing a risk to the safety of children crossing; and,

WHEREAS City staff have studied the necessity for crossing guards at warranted intersections for the 2020-2021 School year and determined that 21 locations currently meet the City's criteria and therefore warrant a crossing guard, and,

WHEREAS staff has indicated that only 10 new locations will be implemented for the 2020-2021 school year, in accordance with the growth funding provided for in the 2020 budget and anticipated to be included the 2021 budget; and

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WHEREAS funding only 10 of the 21 crossing guards does not align with the current needs in the community to ensure children's safe travel to and from schools; and

WHEREAS Council is not permitted to pre-commit funds in advance of the tabling and adoption of the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS schools across the City of Ottawa were closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in crossing guards not being in place between April and June 2020 providing a surplus in the Traffic Services 2020 Adult School Crossing Guard Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the implementation of the 11 additional warranted school crossing guard locations for the remainder of the 2020 budget year, with the one-time cost of \$26,000 to be funded from the Traffic Services 2020 Adult School Crossing Guard Program.

The Committee CARRIED the recommendation as presented.