January 22, 2014

Mrs. S. Talarico, Principal
St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School
18 Kempford Boulevard
Toronto, ON
M2N 2B9

Re: Request for an Adult School Crossing Guard at Beecroft Road and Kempford Boulevard

Dear Ms. Talarico:

As per your request, a traffic study was conducted at the above mentioned location on 17 January, 2014. The study indicates that a school crossing guard is not warranted.

The relevant observations are as follows:

• the survey officer did not observe any conflicts between pedestrians crossing the roadway and vehicles

• the maximum speed limit of 40 km/hr on Beecroft Road appears to be heeded by motorists

• the mechanical traffic light provides adequate control for all pedestrians to cross in all directions at the intersection

• sightlines for both motorists and pedestrians are clear and unobstructed and as a result motorists are afforded an excellent opportunity to be made aware of pedestrian intentions to cross the road

• although vehicle volume has increased in the area with the full opening of Beecroft Road the traffic flow was orderly

• a total of 16 elementary aged children crossed Beecroft Road during the entry time survey with 13 of them escorted by an adult. No children crossed during the lunch hour. At dismissal time 17 elementary aged children crossed Beecroft Road with 10 having adult accompaniment. All children who crossed alone were very cognizant of proper crossing procedure and waited until vehicular traffic had stopped and the walk signal illuminated

• police reports covering the past 24 months for the location indicate there were no collisions involving elementary school aged children
All pedestrians should be encouraged to obey the traffic signals, be aware of and properly react to changing traffic situations. If you would like the community school liaison officer from your local division to attend the school to speak on traffic safety and safe crossing practices, please have the principal contact PC Sabrina Ponzi 9192, of the 32 Division School Liaison Office, at 416-808-3280.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact PC Jim Brown of Traffic Services Unit at 416-808-1973.

Yours truly,

Gord Jones
Superintendent
Traffic Services

GJ/fb
November 21, 2013

Mrs. S. Talarico, Principal
St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School
18 Kempford Boulevard
Toronto, ON
M2N 2B9

Re: Request for Adult School Crossing Guard Supervision at Beecroft Rd. and Kempford Blvd.

Dear Ms. Talarico:

I have received your request for adult school crossing guard supervision at the above noted locations and forwarded it to our Traffic Survey Officer.

Prior to a crossing guard being assigned to any location, the Toronto Police Service must conduct a detailed traffic survey. There are specific traffic related criteria that must meet a minimum threshold before a crossing guard can be considered for any location. Surveys are not necessarily assigned in the order they are received by the service and they can only be performed during regular school hours. Every effort will be made to complete the survey as soon as possible.

If the survey results indicate that adult crossing guard supervision is warranted at the above location, your request will be submitted to the Chief of Police for approval. You will be contacted with the results of the survey and whether your request is approved or not.

If you have any questions, please contact Police Constable Jim Brown of Traffic Services at 416-808-1973.

Yours truly,

Gord Jones
A/Superintendent
Traffic Services

GJ/jb
Dear Mrs. Talarico:

Re: Request for Crossing Guard – Beecroft Road and Kempford Boulevard

The Office of the Chief of Police is in receipt of your correspondence dated October 8, 2013, regarding the above-mentioned request.

Please note I have forwarded your correspondence to Deputy Chief Mark Saunders, Specialized Operations Command, for his attention. A member from his area of Command will contact you in the near future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Inspector Stu Eley
Executive Officer
Office of the Chief of Police

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### Delegation Registration Form

Delegation No. ___

[ ] Public Session
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[ ] Five (5) Minutes

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<td>Topic of Presentation</td>
<td>Safety issues related to lack of school bus transportation services for St. Cyril</td>
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<td>The absence of any school bus serving the St. Cyril school community has led to inequities and safety concerns which require immediate attention and action.</td>
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<td>Details</td>
<td>St. Cyril was to have merged with St. Antoine Daniel in 2013. Parents in recent years have registered their children at St. Cyril, with this fact in mind. School buses are available at St. Antoine Daniel, but not at St. Cyril. With the lack of specific, transparent communication about the future consolidation of the two schools, students at St. Cyril have been severely disadvantaged in many ways, one of which is related to safe transportation. Most families who attend St. Cyril live in the neighbouring community, pay Catholic school taxes in this ward and have the right to the same transportation services that St. Antoine currently has, especially since it was determined that we should consolidate! Given the lack of infrastructure to accommodate the huge volume of cars required to enter and exit the school grounds and surrounding roads each day, and the absence of any visitor parking in the school lot, it has led to very unsafe conditions for students, teachers and parents alike during drop off and pick up times. A small number of students were previously granted special access to a bus on the former St. Edward's school route, until that school recently relocated. Again, St. Cyril has been disadvantaged by the fact that the ARC recommendations proceeded to be implemented for one school, while another school was ultimately neglected. While there are a plethora of other issues that need to be addressed at this school, a school bus strategy is certainly urgently required, in order to address the unsafe conditions affecting this school community.</td>
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<td>Action Requested</td>
<td>Initiate an immediate review of school bus options for students in St. Cyril school, in collaboration with the parent community. Provide immediate transportation services to those students with identified needs and requests.</td>
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I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf: Yes

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Advisory Council: (2) I am an official representative of the
### St. Cyril Parent Initiated Traffic Count - February 12, 2014

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<td>Large school bus came and parked in front of the school at 8:17am. No students entered or exited the bus.</td>
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<td>8:30 - 8:40</td>
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<td>Small bus came and entered parking lot, picked up a student from daycare to drive to school.</td>
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<td>8:40 - 8:50</td>
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<td>Large school bus arrived and stopped in front of school, flashing lights were put on for at least 5 minutes with no movement. This caused a backup on the street as well as the parking lot as nobody could move. However, after about 2 minutes, cars disregarded the flashing lights and began traveling around the bus. Simultaneously, 5 students were let off the bus (safety issue).</td>
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<td>8:50 - 8:55</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>People parking in school bus zone. Mountain of snow makes it so difficult to get access to the school. Many students crossed the street without parents or any adult supervision.</td>
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<td>8:55 - 9:00</td>
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<td>9:00 - 9:10</td>
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<td>Some people just parked at entrance of parking lot and students cross alone, while cars are entering and exiting the parking lot.</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>113</strong></td>
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**Notes:**
- *Stopped, no movement*

**Total:** 113

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1. At least 5 cars double parked waiting to leave.
2. Kids crossing street without parents, dangerously close to moving cars.
3. Cars making u-turns in order to find parking or to go in the desired direction.
4. Inevitably, same number of cars in the afternoon as the morning, except that they are ALL there simultaneously in the afternoon due to the fact that they must wait for their children.
Potential Third Access Point

St Cyril
Site Size: 2.23 A
18 Kempford Blvd

Source: City of Toronto OrthoImagery (http://map.toronto.ca)
ST. CYRIL CONGESTION AND SAFETY ISSUES

“BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED, AND DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.”
JOSHUA 1:9

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INFORMATION REPORT

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

St. Cyril is a single track French Immersion elementary school located at 18 Kempford Boulevard in North York. Due to the French Immersion program offerings at St. Cyril, many parents have no other option but to drive their children to school as they travel from well outside of the local area to attend classes. As a result of these travel patterns, traffic congestion around the school during the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times has consistently worsened – ultimately posing potential issues of student safety.

This report will provide information on the traffic congestion situation that has developed at St. Cyril and will highlight the options available to the Board to address the concerns regarding congestion and student safety at the school.

B. BACKGROUND

1. At the February 13, 2014 meeting of the Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property Committee, staff was directed to prepare a report regarding; safety issues related to lack of school bus transportation services for St. Cyril Catholic School.

2. Congestion at St. Cyril is a longstanding issue which was first addressed five years ago when the City conducted a School Safety Zone Review. From this review, parking signs and regulations were amended on Kempford to allow for paid parking on the south side of the street. An attempt was also made by the Board to implement a Parent Safety Program (PSP). This program operates on the use of volunteers and has since proved to be unsuccessful at St. Cyril due to a lack of parents willing to volunteer their time.

3. Two years ago, the signage in front of the school was changed to indicate that this area is to be used as a bus loading zone only. In addition, signs were also added in the parking lot of the school designating most of the parking spots as staff parking. Despite these changes, parents continue to park in the bus loading zone as well as in the signed staff parking spots when dropping off and picking up their children.

4. In November of 2013, the school’s principal Sylvie Talarico sent a request to Toronto Police Services (TPS) for an adult school crossing guard at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Kempford Boulevard. TPS then conducted a traffic study of the area to assess the need for an adult crossing guard at this location. Following the traffic study, TPS determined that an adult crossing guard was not needed at this location for a variety of reasons and consequently denied the request. The response received by TPS can be found in Appendix ‘A’.

5. The school’s principal has continuously reminded parents about the congestion issues at St. Cyril through the school’s monthly newsletter and has urged that students be dropped off and picked up as quickly and efficiently as possible. Despite these measures, parents continue to exhibit the same congestion causing behaviour such as; double parking their cars in front of the bus loading zone, idling in the school parking lot while waiting for their children, and remaining onsite for extended periods to converse with other parents.
6. At the January 23, 2014 meeting of the Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property Committee, a delegation was received from a concerned parent (Appendix ‘B’) regarding the safety of children during the before and after school pickup and drop off times at the school. The delegation requested that a review of school bus options for students at St. Cyril be initiated immediately and that transportation services be provided to those students with identified needs and requests. Following this delegation, an informal traffic count (Appendix ‘C’) was undertaken by one of the parents on February 12, 2014 in order to provide evidence to justify the need for bussing.

7. Although the Board is investigating ways in which active transportation can be incorporated into a student’s daily commute to school, it is anticipated that active transportation initiatives such as walking or cycling programs will not be very effective in this particular case. This is due to the fact that the schools program offerings are specific to French immersion and as such, many of the students attending St. Cyril do not live in the immediate area.

8. In response to a commitment made to the school’s principal, Staff has been in contact with the City of Toronto’s transportation planning department investigating the possibility of undertaking a traffic study for the area. The City has since responded indicating that nothing further can be done in this area from a Transportation Planning perspective and that internal options to the Board must instead be investigated.

C. OPTIONS

1. Bussing can be provided to a small area outside of the school’s 1.5km catchment area. The costs associated with providing this service amount to $40,000 annually and it is anticipated that this will remove approximately 20 cars each day from Kempford Boulevard and the school’s driveway.

2. For students who are comfortable taking transit to school, TTC tickets can also be provided at a cost of $3.60 per student, per day. The provision of these tickets must be approved by the Board and the number of students who will benefit from this service, and are interested in this initiative, must also be confirmed before total costs can be assessed.

3. The school’s principal had indicated that a third access point to the school property on Beecroft Road would ease congestion on Kempford (Appendix ‘D’). This would involve either the installation of a gate on the west side of the property and the possible construction of a school specific parking lay-by or, a driveway leading into the school yard on Beecroft. The City has indicated that they are willing to investigate this option upon further review. This option has the ability to improve congestion on Kempford by diverting the majority of traffic to Beecroft which is a larger, higher capacity road.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.