

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

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Report / Agenda: City Council Agenda 36

Item / Article: Motion Requiring Suspension of the *Rules of Procedure*

Re: **Active Transportation to and from School**

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor Brockington**

Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor Tierney**

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion in order to allow the campaign to proceed over the summer, as the next Council meeting is not until August 26, 2020.

WHEREAS schools in Ontario have been closed since March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS as part of the re-opening plan, the Province of Ontario is considering a number of options for the schools including partial in-school instruction to full-week (5-day) instruction; and

WHEREAS it is expected that fewer parents will allow their children to take yellow school bus transportation, due to physical distancing concerns and there will be a greater reliance on both active transportation and private vehicle transportation to and from school; and

WHEREAS, a number of safety issues already exist in school zones, related to the interactions of private vehicles and pedestrians, cyclists and arriving yellow school buses; and

WHEREAS, there are many benefits to active transportation, including, but not limited to personal health, no greenhouse gas emissions and a reduction in congestion in schools zones; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 City of Ottawa Budget provided funding for 10 new warranted crossing guards to be in place in September 2020, however, the closure of schools did not provide the ability to undertake data collection at the 64 requested locations in the Spring 2020; and

WHEREAS, subject to schools being reopened in September 2020, Traffic Services will undertake data collection and review of warrants for an Adult

Crossing Guard at the 64 requested locations beginning on September 14, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa embark on a one-month public service campaign, promoting active transportation, to and from school, starting in mid-August 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all street and line painting in school zones (crosswalk and traffic calming messaging), be re-prioritized to ensure all work is completed no later than 21 August 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Traffic Services put in place crossing guards at 10 warranted locations as soon as a feasibly possible in the Fall of 2020 and report back to Council on the warranted locations once review has been completed and locations identified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ottawa Bylaw and Regulatory Services maintain its school zone enforcement from late August to early September 2020 to ensure public safety in school zones.