

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 24, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017.

**24 PROMOTING TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL ZONES & ENCOURAGING
 ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Ferri, dated March 7, 2017:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Mario Ferri.

Whereas, efficient transportation within the City is the number one issue for the citizens and businesses in Vaughan; and

Whereas, residents have raised concerns with respect to traffic safety around school zones, including illegal parking; and

Whereas, high volumes of traffic at schools during arrival and pick-up times can lead to increased traffic congestion and often multiple conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicles, and where encouraging orderly and appropriate conduct within school zones is the first step in improving student and parent safety; and

Whereas, the safety of students travelling to and from schools is of the utmost importance; and

Whereas, encouraging active and sustainable modes of travel to and from school while promoting traffic safety, fosters increased physical activity, helps improve air quality and reduces overall community traffic congestion; and

Whereas, many organizations and government agencies, including the York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, York Regional Police and York Region offer programs and initiatives to encourage alternative modes of travel (other than by passenger car) and promote traffic safety; and

Whereas, hosting a community public information session to bring together various stakeholders to present and communicate the message on traffic safety around school zones and programs and initiatives to encourage active and sustainable transportation align with the following Terms of Council Priorities:

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

It is therefore recommended:

1. That appropriate staff from identified City of Vaughan departments attend up to two public information sessions, along with other stakeholders, to present and communicate the initiatives and programs to improve the management of vehicles and pedestrian safety in school zones;
2. That the public information sessions be hosted in a City of Vaughan community centre; and
3. That appropriate staff from Corporate Communications provide support in developing communications materials for the public information sessions.