

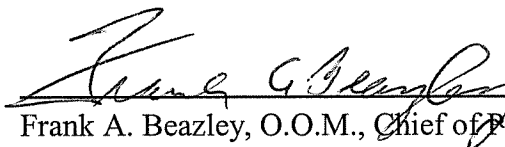


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Halifax Regional Council
March 28, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: March 20, 2006

SUBJECT: School Crosswalk Guard Program

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 9.3.1 of the Regional Council Meeting of January 17, 2006

BACKGROUND

At the January 17, 2006 Regional Council Meeting, Councillor Harry McNroy requested a staff report on the possibility of having the Halifax Regional School Board administer the School Crosswalk Guard Program, perhaps through on-site school administration, much like the "Lunch time Monitor Program".

DISCUSSION

The administration of the School Crossing Guard Program currently falls within the mandate of Halifax Regional Police. Under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Police of Operational Support, a total of 187 school crossing guards both full and part time stand guard over 146 crosswalks in close proximity to 68 schools across HRM.

Since amalgamation and in the former Cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and the Town of Bedford, the school crossing guard program has always come under the mandate of the police department. A survey of 11 municipalities across Atlantic Canada showed that similar programs are administered by their police departments.

Representatives from Halifax Regional Police and the Halifax Regional School Board met to determine if the School Board would be interested in taking over the administration of the program. Halifax Regional School Board staff advised that, at this time, administration of the School Crossing Guard Program does not fit into their plans. It is important to point out that they advised that they had received no complaints or concerns from members of the public or from School Board staff in relation to the program. They further stated that they are very pleased with the way the program is currently being administered and commented on the excellent line of communication that they have with the Program Manager.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS - NA

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES - NA

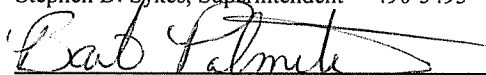
ATTACHMENTS - NA

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