



August 27, 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: The Municipality of Central Huron Resolution – School Crossing Guards

Recommendation:

That Council of the City of Kenora hereby supports and endorses the following resolution from the Municipality of Central Huron;

WHEREAS School Crossing Guards play a vital role in road safety for children;

And WHEREAS the School Crossing Guard mandate is to ensure children can cross streets safely as they travel to and from school;

And WHEREAS the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8, Section 176 (1) defines a "school crossing guard" as a person sixteen years of age or older who is directing the movement of persons across a highway and who is,

- a) employed by a municipality, or
- b) employed by a corporation under contract with a municipality to provide the services of a school crossing guard;

And WHEREAS the expenses for the provision of the Crossing Guard Program is the responsibility of the municipality who chooses to provide the service and these expenses are a burden on the taxpayers of that municipality;

And WHEREAS the Education Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.2 Section 190 (1) states a board may provide for,

- a) a pupil who is enrolled in a school that the board operates;
 - (a.1) a resident pupil of the board who is enrolled in a school operated by another board under an agreement between the boards;
- b) a pupil in respect of whom the Minister pays the cost of education under the regulations, transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron requests the Minister of Education change the Education Act to be the responsible authority for the Crossing Guard Program and the Minister of Education be responsible for the costs of the Crossing Guard Program;

And That, the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990 H.8, Section 176 (1) be amended to change the definition of "school crossing guard" to be employed by the Ministry of Education.

And That, this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Education, Minister of Transportation, AMO, and to all Ontario municipalities for their support.

Background:

The Municipality of Central Huron is requesting that the Corporation of the City of Kenora support Resolution No. 232-12 whereby the responsible authority for the Crossing Guard Program would be transferred from the municipality to the Ministry of Education.

The City of Kenora provides Crossing Guard Service through contracted services determined through the tendering process. The following is a summary of tender prices, per two year contract, for the last six years (tax extra):

2007-2008	\$48,638.10
2008-2009	48,638.10
2009-2010	50,929.20
2010-2011	52,113.60
2011-2012	49,914.00
2012-2013	52,170.00

The average cost to the municipality approximately: \$50,400.50 per year.

Prior to the release of tender the Operations Department reviews the Activity Count, per crossing guard location submitted annually by the Contractor, as well as reviews information regarding school closures received from local school boards. If necessary adjustments are made annually to the number of locations requiring service.

A funding allocation under the Operating budget is submitted annually for Council approval.

I recommend support of the Municipality of Central Huron's Resolution No. 232-12.

Budget: N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution required.

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