

Council/School Board Liaison Committee

Tuesday, June 17th, 2008

Mr. Morris advised that this information was had been provided to District staff and to the Board, and shared with community groups when addressing the schedule of charges established by the School District.

During the brief discussion, a suggestion was made that a copy of this letter be provided to the person responsible for booking schools, as well as all management staff and the Parks and Rental Facilities clerk.

4.2 Sidewalks on Granville Corridor

(RSD - Update - Oral Report)

Mr. Morris reviewed the history of the situation which had resulted in the letter being issued to parents within the Henry Anderson School catchment area that school bus service would not be provided for the 2008/09 school year. He noted that the area of concern was Granville Avenue, between No. 4 Road and No. 5 Road, which currently did not have any sidewalks, but only dividers to separate the pedestrians from the motor vehicle traffic.

Information was provided that a response had been sent to the letter writer, advising that the School District had reversed its decision and that school bus service would continue. Further information was provided that the letter writer had been advised that sidewalks for this area were included in the City's long term capital plan but not in the current five year plan.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and staff, with concern being expressed about the lack of even a path for pedestrians and the high speed of traffic in this area of Granville Avenue. Further comments were made about the lack of a project within the City's current five year plan for sidewalks in this area, and the suggestion was made that the sidewalk construction program should be reviewed as it was felt that the letter now being considered was going to be the first of many received from the community about the lack of sidewalks. City staff were encouraged to reconsider its sidewalk construction plan.

As a result of the discussion, the following **referral** motion was introduced:

It was moved and seconded

That the issue of sidewalks on Granville Avenue, between No. 4 Road and No. 5 Road be referred to the Public Works & Transportation Committee and to the Traffic Advisory Technical Committee for review.

CARRIED

Discussion continued, with reference being made to a significant traffic issue at Henry Anderson School, that being the safety of those students heading northbound into the parking lot who cross Granville Avenue, and the suggestion was made that a pedestrian controlled signal should be installed. Reference was also made to the dangers presented by speeding traffic on No. 4 Road as parents and students were turning into the school property, and comments were made about the need to address this issue with some form of traffic calming on No. 4 Road.