

STAFF REPORT: ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: **Engineering and Public Works Committee**
MEETING DATE: **May 27, 2008**
REPORT NO.: **EPW.08.24**
SUBJECT: **Russell Street Pedestrian Crossing**
PREPARED BY: **Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads & Drainage Division**

A. Recommendations

THAT Council enact a By-Law to create a pedestrian crossover and a No Stopping Zone along Russell Street at the Beaver Valley Community School, as outlined in Report EPW.08.24.

B. Background

Town Staff has been approached by the Blue Water School Board staff to review the traffic and pedestrian conditions along Russell Street adjacent to the Beaver Valley Community School. It was identified that parents are using Russell Street to access the school and are using the area as a drop off and loading zone. The concern of the residents and some of the parents is that the cars parked along the side of the road are creating a hazard to children crossing the road to walk to and from school.

During discussions with the school board, it was determined that the students should be focused to one area to cross the road near the south end of the school property. The Town has constructed a concrete sidewalk to the shoulder of the road. The school board will construct a path with limestone screening on the school property. The school board has requested that the Town establish a pedestrian crossover at the site and restrict parking on the shoulders in both directions. This should improve the sight lines at Mary Street and Russell Street which will reduce the risk of having a student struck by a car in that location. The No Stopping Zone will extend for 35 metres, in both directions for a total of 70m (Location Sketch is provided as Attachment #1).

The pedestrian crossover will require line painting and the No Stopping/ No Passing Zone will require appropriate signage (Signage Type is provided as Attachment #2). The concrete sidewalk was placed by Town Staff in the fall of 2007.

Staff recommend that Council enact a By-Law to create of a pedestrian crossover and a No Stopping Zone along Russell Street at the Beaver Valley Community School (Proposed By-law is provided Attachment #3). The No Stopping Zone will extend 35m each side of the centerline of the crossover.

Enforcement will match the provisions established by the County on Bruce Street which is No Parking Monday to Friday all year round. This will also accommodate summer programmes offered at the School.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

This By-Law furthers the Town's Strategic Goal #2, "Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs".

D. Environmental Impacts

No environmental impacts other than the additional line painting on existing pavement.

E. Budget Impact

The cost of the line painting will be charged to Roads and Drainage Operational Budget 1-308-1000-63125 Contract Services.

The cost of the additional signage can be charged to the Roads and Drainage Operational Budget 1-308-1000-62000 Materials.

F. Attached

1. Location Sketch
2. Signage Type
3. Proposed By-law

Respectfully submitted,

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