

# December 7th 2023 – SAC Meeting Minutes

## Representatives present from:

- Gary Burrill's office
- Ali Duale (MLA)
- Sean Cleary (District 9 Councillor)
- Halifax Regional Police Community Officer
- HRM Traffic Authority
- IWK Pediatric Trauma Lead
- Halifax Shopping Centre Security
- SAC members (parents, teachers, admin)

## Crosswalk Concerns

- Extreme concern of staff, students, parents and community members over student safety in the main intersection (Mumford Rd)
- Oct 24th, 2023: Student taken to hospital by ambulance with injury from being struck by car (student at fault)
- Oct 25th, 2023: Second student hit by car, no injury but student rolled on hood of car (driver at fault)
- Last week: Community member called to say that two students almost struck in crosswalk (driver at fault)
- Concern that problem will increase with upcoming development planned for across the road
- With new stores/development opening on West end of the mall, HSC Security expecting extreme increase in traffic near Romans Ave

## Data

- School has identified close to 50 students who are required to cross Mumford Rd intersection based on home address
- From HRP: extreme increase in volume of traffic. In two months there have been 2 pedestrian crashes reported to HRP.
  - ◆ Two near misses on Romans Ave, but not on Leppert St where crossing guards are currently allocated
- Data pulled a few years ago during Pandemic: 20,000 vehicles each day through the intersection with an average of 15 km over speed limit
- This intersection was in the top 10 list locally for vehicle collisions not involving a pedestrian. (6 already in 2023, 13 in 2022, 15 in 2021)

## Previous Action

- Speed signage moved 10 ft for visibility
- Lights added to sign

## Crossing Guard Info

- Sean Cleary: voiced that crossing guards are hard to hire
- Parent asked for hiring information to share with newcomer community

## Possible Solutions Suggested

- Suggestion made to reallocate crossing guard from Lepert St to our intersection? Even just for the lunch hour?
- Extending seconds to walk signals?
- No Right turn on red turning?
- Duale's suggestion:
  - ◆ Short term solution: Crossing Guard
  - ◆ Long term solution: Be included to provide input/suggestions to the new development happening in West-End to provide options for how the roads are connected to the school area. (Bridge, Pedway, etc).

### **Action Steps**

- HRP going to ask Sergeant to move one of the two crossing guards down from Leppert as soon as possible (Sean says that we should hear response likely early January)
- Call 311 to report transit buses going over 30km speed limit when students present in school zone
- Sean going to send us "Safe School Streets" act that is being proposed to council
- Ali going to send letter to Minister so that request is on record
- Sean going to use budget to permanently install speed/school zone sign