

From: Bradley Estates Community Association <beca.oreans@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: student safety at the NDC School
Date: April 26, 2019 at 3:36:26 PM EDT
To: "Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire)" <Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca>
Cc: Valerie, "Dudas, Laura" <Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca>, "Wilkinson, Rob" <Rob.Wilkinson@ottawa.ca>

Hello again,

As I hit "send" to my previous email, I received an email from Mike Giampa, the traffic engineer. We had a quick chat, which clarified a lot of the questions that we have had these past few weeks, and the reasons for the delay (soil conditions) for which we were not aware. Along with a discussion of the poor choice of location of the 2 speed humps, he agreed to consider a location closer to the school which would actually be effective for the school crossing.

He also mentioned that it might be reduced from 5 to 2 speed humps due to requirements from OC Transpo (which I understood had already reviewed/ approved as a stakeholder in 2015). We discussed the minimal routes on Renaud and the future Chapel Hill Park and Ride. He proposed speed tables in lieu of humps/bumps which are more acceptable by transit/ emergency services.

Whatever the case may be, we are keen on continuing to work with Councillor Dudas to ensure that this long-time problematic crossing is addressed with speed tables/humps/bumps in the correct location, and also to push for four, in the event that they are the less aggressive speed tables.

Valerie, I hope this information helps. We can continue to work on the crossing guard situation, but hopefully the hard calming measures will be effective enough along with all the other soft measures.

Yasmine

On Fri, Apr 26, 2019 at 2:10 PM Bradley Estates Community Association <beca.oreans@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mayor Watson,

The Bradley Estates Community Association has always appreciated the support received from Rob over the years, and we are always happy to work with him. In this case, over the past few years the community and school have been very vocal about the dangers for children crossing to the Notre Dame Des Champs

elementary school. A PXO was installed in 2017, yet due to the volume and aggression of traffic in this area, kids are still unable to safely cross and there have been many close calls. **This, despite the flashing lights, the Slow Down For Us signs we provided to the school, the school zone speed limit reduction, the radar speed board.** These soft measures are not sufficient for this particular area, and thus 5 speed humps were approved by traffic services.

The latest information that has BECA received from the City of Ottawa on-site inspector/construction technician is the following:

- 2018 CCTV review discovered deficiencies in shallow sewer at Penency/Glenlivet (where Councillor Dudas announced that two speed humps were to be installed by August).
- Ashcroft must FIRST repair this before the final lift of asphalt can be laid and then the four (a fifth at a later date) speed humps will be installed after a few months of the asphalt settling.
- Richcraft and Minto are also responsible for this road work.
- City staff is unable to get the developers to move on this.
- We are running out of time for this to be completed by school year 2019.

BECA hopes to work closely with Councillor Dudas in her efforts to pressure these developers into getting started on this work, as the initial completion was already delayed from August 2018. Understandably, parents, myself included, are frustrated at the delays and the fear that they will go another school year without these safety measures. Valerie, as for the crossing guard that the school, parent council and BECA had been working on with the previous Innes Ward office, I have not received any further information on the topic.

All the best with your upcoming eye procedures.

Best regards,
Yasmine Fathers
(BECA President)

On Fri, Apr 26, 2019 at 1:45 PM Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire)

<Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca> wrote:

Dear Ms. Xxx,

Thank you very much for reaching out to share your concerns with my office.

The City of Ottawa's "Safer Roads Ottawa" program sets out a bold vision in its action plan. This plan is designed to be responsive to road safety priorities and to help make the "City of Ottawa the safest traffic environment for all." This is program is a partnership between Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Paramedic Service, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Public Health and the Public Works Department, and is committed to preventing

or eliminating road deaths and serious injuries for all people in the City of Ottawa. The aim is to accomplish these goals through culture change, community engagement and the development of a sustainable safe transportation environment.

The Safer Roads Ottawa program is coordinated by Rob Wilkinson. By copy on this e-mail, it is my pleasure to connect you with Rob so that you may reach out to him directly with any questions or concerns moving forward.

Sincerely,

**Jim Watson
Mayor
City of Ottawa**

JW/ps

-----Original Message-----

From: Valerie

Sent: April 25, 2019 1:32 PM

To: Watson, Jim (Mayor/Maire) <Jim.Watson@ottawa.ca>

Cc: Dudas, Laura <Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca>; Bradley Estates Community Association <beca.ortans@gmail.com>

Subject: Fwd: student safety at the NDC School

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Hi M. Watson

I am a resident of Notre Dame des Champs community as well a parent on the NDC pta council. I am trying to get answers for our kids safety through our councillor but I am having issues getting a stright answer unfortunately. I hope your office can undestand that we have an elementary school on a road (Renaud rd) that sees 10 000+ cars one way from Monda to Friday. I have proof that the city has been made aware for quite a while now of this situation and I dont't understand why we still don't have hard calming mesures. We do have a PXO that cars run through daily(i've pulled my children back and witnessed other parents pulling their own kids too). With the 10 crossgards that were allocated to the budget, why wasn't one given to our school considering alot of non-busy streets schools around have them. We've been promised speed bumps that now

have turned into speed humps and have gone down from 6 to 2 for now as well as pushed back in date.

I find it very hard to believe that it will take the death of a child for the city to take action. I witness near deaths everyday at this crosswalk! WE CANNOT WAIT A WHOLE OTHER YEAR like councillor Dudas is mentioning above, to do something.

Thank you for your attention on this matter and I look forward to hear from you.

Valerie

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From: "Wynne, Chelsey" <Chelsey.Wynne@ottawa.ca>

Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2019 14:59:47 +0000

Subject: RE: student safety at the NDC School

To: Valerie

Cc: "Kwan, Rebecca" <rebecca.kwan@ottawa.ca>

Good morning Valerie,

Thank you for reaching out about this again. At this time, Councillor Dudas is continuing to do the background work on this file and we will get back to you with an update as soon as we have one.

Sincerely,

[Signature external]

Sign up for Laura's newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/ghQfk9>

From: Valerie

Sent: April 09, 2019 2:22 PM

To: Bradley Estates Community Association <beca.orleans@gmail.com>

Cc: Dudas, Laura <Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca>; Julie Godward <julie.godward@gmail.com>; Wynne, Chelsey <Chelsey.Wynne@ottawa.ca>;

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Hi Laura

I was wondering how this situation is being handled and what is the update on what will be done now? Now that you know that the city has been aware of our critical issue what's the plan?

Thank you for informing me so I can make our school and community aware of the immediate proactive plan instead of it being a reactive plan later on.

Valerie

On Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 4:14 PM Bradley Estates Community Association <beca.orleans@gmail.com<mailto:beca.orleans@gmail.com>> wrote:

Good afternoon Councillor Dudas,

I feel there was a miscommunication from City staff about not receiving a request for a crossing guard. BECA has been working on this file with the previous councillors' offices and the school (Mme Marie-Eve Seguin who is on leave) for the past few years. There was a study in front of the school and it was determined that it did not meet the warrants for a crossing guard. The catch-22 was that it did not meet warrants because parents were too afraid to cross with their kids and kids were also bussed (exceptional situation due to the inability to cross).

In fact, Councillor Mitic requested that Phil Landry (Director, Traffic Services, City of Ottawa) accompany him to the area early one morning to see for himself that warrants are not being met because parents will not dare to even try to cross with their kids. Because the PXO program was introduced at the time, this was installed instead, but as you know, drivers are not following rules and not stopping.

The staff member that the previous councillor's office was dealing with was Stacey Rathwell. Here is an email from Innes Ward office dated September 19, 2016 (I will forward you the original email):

I got in touch with Phil Landry about the PXO (a couple residents brought it forward at our bbq yesterday as well).

Phil is going to have Kunjan take a look at the for PXO brightness and also said that the flashing lights are a supplementary device to the PXO. The sign is what regulates the crossing and even if motorists say they can't see the flashing light (and in fact even if light isn't working), drivers going through the PXO when a ped wants to cross or in the crossing would be charged. Phil also got in touch with Rob Wilkinson with Safer Roads Ottawa and request that he talk to OPS to see if we can get some enforcement at this new PXO.

We have asked Stacey Rathwell to undertake a new study with the PXO in place to determine if warrants are now met for a school crossing guard (this was also mentioned yesterday).

Other reasons that were given aside from not meeting warrants was lack of funding, so every other tool available was thrown at that intersection, including flex signs, paint, permanent Slow Down For Us signs, and the radar board. Then staff said because of all these other tools, it was considered a "safer intersection". Another catch-22.

If you require any more background information on this, please let me know and I will try and dig up old emails.

**Yasmine Fathers
Bradley Estates Community Association (BECA), President**

On Wed, Apr 3, 2019 at 3:55 PM Dudas, Laura
<Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca<mailto:Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca>> wrote:

Hello Valerie,

It was nice to meet you in person last night and I appreciated the opportunity to speak with parent council about this important matter.

I followed up with city staff and they confirmed that they had not received a request from the previous Councillor's office for a crossing guard at this location, which answers your question about why none have been assigned to the school in this recent, or past city budgets.

Therefore, I have initiated the process and received confirmation that they will add this location to their list of assessment sites this spring.

Based on the outcome of the assessment, staff would make a recommendation for the upcoming budget year (2020).

Many parents asked about a temporary crossing guard to cover the last few months of the school year. According to the provincial Highway Traffic Act, only city employees or third-parties hired by the city can be adult crossing guards. The city contracts this work out to the Ottawa Safety Council and the locations to which crossing guards are assigned are based on locations that had been identified, assessed, met the criteria and had their budgets approved.

In the meantime, I will reach out to Ottawa Police to request additional enforcement along this stretch of road for the duration of the school year.

I will reach out to the school directly in the coming days to advise them of some

procedural matters related to the assessment.

[Laura Signature]

From: Valerie
Sent: April 03, 2019 11:28 AM
To: Dudas, Laura <Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca<mailto:Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca>>>
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Hi Laura

First I want to start by saying thank you for attending our parent counsel meeting last night. I now want to further the discussion about the lack of safety for our children when it comes to crossing Renaud road. For those of you that are not aware Renaud has stats of 10 000 cars ONE WAY everyday. As mentioned yesterday we fully understand that mesures are coming like speed bumps at the end of august 2019 BUT before this gets done by the builders it is my understanding that not only the second coat of asphalt needs to go down but don't they need to dig to a broken culvert as well? Which means the speed bumps will most likely get postponed.

Now I know you just came into office not long ago but I don't understand how there is no budget for a crossing guard? Communities with way less traffic have them. In the 2019 city budget this was in it: investing in safety and security Safer communities—including crime prevention and traffic safety—is a key priority for Ottawa residents. Draft Budget 2019 addresses these priorities with a 4.5-per-cent increase (which combines a three-per-cent increase with 1.5-per-cent growth funding) to enable the Ottawa Police Service to hire 32 more officers for traffic enforcement, the guns and gangs unit, and to strengthen community policing. Further investments in traffic safety include: \$1.6 million for the Temporary Traffic Calming Measures Program, with each Councillor receiving \$50,000 for initiatives in their respective

wards, \$500,000 for the Pedestrian Crossover Program and 10 more crossing guards to improve the safety of our children at school. I am now wondering and asking, where did all those 10 cross guards end up?

Currently our principle has taken it upon him to ensure the safety of our kids(when time allows him to) but I hope we can work together to find a fast solution. It scares me everyday thinking that only when the worse will have happen that something will be done.

Eager to hear from you

Valerie

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