

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Nova Bonaldo, Administrative Assistant – Crossing Guard

Coordinator

DATE: May 5, 2025

MEMO NO.: TPW-2025-001

SUBJECT: Annual Province Wide School Crossing Guard Appreciation

Week - June 2 to June 6, 2025

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise Council that the week of June 2nd to June 6th, 2025, has been designated Province wide as the annual School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week. During this week, school crossing guards will be recognized for the work done each day throughout the school year to assist pedestrians crossing busy roadways, as well as bring about awareness of the Crossing Guard Program within local municipalities.

BACKGROUND:

The Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) has recognized the need to develop uniformity throughout the province with regard to school crossing guards. A key initiative was to designate one week in the year that would be recognized as the official School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week.

COMMENTS:

The use of social media and public outreach will be important in making this initiative successful. Town staff will collaborate with our Communications group to ensure that this information is available on the Town's website and through other social media networks. Staff will communicate this information to all elementary schools to be forwarded to parents and children. Given most municipalities use these standardized formats, ensuring the same messaging is being repeated throughout, the likelihood of success and awareness will be widespread.

CONCLUSION:

The annual Province wide School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week will occur June 2nd to June 6th. This year the Town of Halton Hills will recognize its School Crossing Guards with a social gathering and a small token of appreciation for their efforts on June 4th, 2025.

Reviewed and approved by,

Maureen Van Ravens, Director of Transportation

Bill Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer