

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

C. **UBCM RESOLUTION:**
TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council endorse the following resolution and forward to the UBCM:

"TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

WHEREAS child pedestrian safety at schools is a primary safety concern for the community and notwithstanding existing regulation and enforcement, driver behaviour, in particular speeding through designated 30 km/h school zones, remains a problem;

AND WHEREAS local governments have witnessed the effectiveness of non-traditional devices deployed in the United States such as a school speed zone sign stating "30 km/h Speed Zone When Lights Flashing" mounted under dual flashing amber lights that is activated by school officials;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial government is responsible for uniform traffic regulation through the Ministry of Transportation & Highways and province-wide education and safety initiatives through ICBC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial government, in consultation with local authorities and school boards, review the efficacy of existing safety measures at schools on collector streets and implement changes as appropriate."

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- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
- DIR. PLNG. & BLDG.
- OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, R.C.M.P.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 1998 March 10, adopted the *attached* report responding to correspondence from the UBCM regarding Burnaby's previous resolution on flashing light school zone signs, suggesting that the resolution was too specific and a more general wording might garner greater support amongst members. The resolution in the report responds to this advice.

Through the Committee's deliberation on the resolution, it was felt that an amendment was required to the resolution as underscored in the recommendation. It was noted that if measures such as flashing lights referred to in the resolution were incorporated into Provincial regulations there would be no compulsion for individual local authorities to apply them if it does not suit their needs, but for areas with particular problems it would add to the range of solutions available.

MEMBERS:

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Respectfully submitted,

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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DATE: 1998 02 26
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING, FILE: 55-13-02
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS
SUBJECT: UBCM RESOLUTION:
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REPORT

The 1997 UBCM convention failed to endorse Burnaby Council's resolution "B36 Flashing Light School Zone Signs". UBCM staff have suggested that the resolution was too specific and a more general wording might garner greater support amongst members.

The resolution above has been prepared in response to this advice. The specifics of the Flashing Beacon have been maintained in the preamble as an exemplary measure leading to a call for a wider review of traffic safety relative to school children that would encompass traffic regulation/engineering as well as safety education.

ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
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cc: City Manager