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Hi Barb, Ken & Tim,

I'm following up with answers to the questions asked to our parent speaker at the Local Grant Meeting last week.

As there have been changes with the administration of the program I had to go back to the Greater Victoria Crossing Guard Association for the most up to date information. You may see some local media on this today.

Regarding the School District being asked for funding. Audrey's reply

"The school district was involved with the transition from Beacon Community Services(BCS) to GVCGA. They do not have funding for crossing guards, they are of the strong, unfailing opinion that road safety is a municipal responsibility not a education dollar thing. What programs would they have the district cut to pay for road safety? EAs? "

Regarding how other schools pay for crossing guards. There is no one clear answer across the district. Since at least 2008 (as far back as my electronic records go) Macaulay PAC had used the Esquimalt Local Grant to fully fund our Crossing Guards until 2016 when the maximum grant reduced to \$10,000. For example in 2014 we received \$14,480. This is why we sourced funding from Harbour Resource Partners in 2017.

Over the summer of 2018 a staff member from Active Transportation at the City of Victoria was trying to pull together the school district, CRD, municipalities and the Province to work out a more sustainable funding model that would remove school PAC's from the equation all together. It seems this has stalled for now as I've not had any updates from them.

From Audrey

"The other crossing guards are paid for by the municipalities currently. That is if Victoria approves the grant application(max \$50,000 which is about \$19000 short) and Saanich doesn't pass a motion to cut the \$71000 funding line for school crossing guards.

One other school has "private" funding. The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority pays for the one at James Bay Community School. I think the PAC organized that funding. Much like your PAC does but it is a continuous commitment and it transitioned from BCS to GVCGA without a hitch.

All municipalities, save Oak Bay, have said we must find other funding. OR what about volunteers. Of course there are arguments against both notions."

So as you can see it is a mix of funding currently but with all municipalities covering the majority of the cost. I understand that View Royal has this in their budget already.

I hope this answers your questions and provides a little more background as to how long the township has been supporting the Macaulay crossing guards. Any other questions we're here and happy to answer or find the answer.

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