



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
December 3, 2024

AVON VIEW HIGH SCHOOL FENCE EXCERPT

Approximately 1000 students attend Avon View High School, off Payzant Drive in Windsor. In recent years, development has been growing now nearing proximity to the school which is creating safety concerns for students. Recently, there has been reoccurring phone calls regarding students at Avon View High School and their safety. Students have been accessing the school through private property, construction zones, and “short cuts” through both private property and areas where heavy construction are taking place. The owners of these properties have, on numerous occasions, installed private property signs and have informed students to not enter the school property through the areas due to safety issues. While some students have respectfully listened, many have not; leading to numerous confrontations and some “close calls”. RCMP have been called on multiple occasions, but the situation seems to be getting worse.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER OF EDUCATION REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A FENCE AROUND THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TO ADDRESS SAFETY CONCERNS FOR STUDENTS.



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Committee of the Whole

Submitted by: Mayor Abraham Zebian

Date: December 3, 2024

Subject: Avon View High School Fence

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council direct staff to draft a letter to the Annapolis Valley Regional Center of Education regarding installation of a fence around the school property to address safety concerns for students.

BACKGROUND

Avon View High School is located off Payzant Drive in Windsor. It is home to approximately 1000 students who attend school 10 months of the year. In recent years, development has been growing now nearing proximity to the school which is creating safety concerns for students.

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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DISCUSSION

In recent months, there has been an almost daily occurrence of phone calls regarding students at Avon View High School and their safety. Students have been accessing the school through private property, construction zones, and “short cuts” through both private property and areas where heavy construction are taking place. The owners of these properties have, on numerous occasions, installed private property signs and have informed students to not enter the school property through the areas due to safety issues. While some students have respectfully listened, many have not leading to numerous confrontations and some “close calls”. RCMP have been called on multiple occasions but the situation seems to be getting worse. I believe if the Regional Center of Education installed a fence around the school property it may help alleviate some of the issue with students having to access the property through the proper routes.

NEXT STEPS

If the recommendation is approved, staff to carry out the direction of council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with the approval of this motion with the exception of staff time to draft a letter.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may not choose to direct staff.

Council may choose a different course of action.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

Report Prepared by: Abraham Zebian, Mayor

Report Reviewed by: 
Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer