

Mortelliti requests more signage in school zone

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Councillor Cleve Mortelliti is concerned about the safety on King Road in King City.

Under the new business section of the Council and Committee of the Whole meeting Sept. 8, Mortelliti requested Mayor Steve Pellegrini speak with York Region staff about expanding the community safety zone which is currently located in front of the old Holy Name Catholic Elementary School on King Road.

He asked for the installation of more visible signage with the flashing amber lights in the school zone as well as road painting and a reduced speed limit to 40 kilometres during certain hours of the day ? something similar to what is on Dufferin Street in front of the Country Day School. Mortelliti's request also included the installation of traffic signals at King Road and Spring Hill Drive.

?I know the Region has resisted it before but I would like to ask for it again,? said Mortelliti. ?My kids are older now but I could not allow them to walk to school. It's still a very dangerous area.?

The mayor's discussion with regional staff is the first step, Mortelliti explained. The next step would be a formal resolution from Council. But Pellegrini said he would bring the request to regional staff first.

?Let me try and if I'm not successful then we'll put forward a resolution,? he said.

?Hopefully we won't need that, as the school zone should be signed appropriately anyway,? added Mortelliti.

This past Monday, Pellegrini reported he spoke with regional staff and they are expected to provide a written response within two weeks.