

Shelburne Honours Crossing Guards During Appreciation Week Flag Raising

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The Town of Shelburne marked School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week with a flag-raising ceremony at Jack Downing Park on June 2, recognizing the important role crossing guards play in keeping pedestrians safe throughout the community.

Mayor Wade Mills officially proclaimed June 1 to June 5 as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week in Shelburne, joining municipalities across Ontario in recognizing the contributions of crossing guards and the work they do each day to ensure residents can travel safely through their communities.

Mayor Mills was pleased to see a strong turnout for the event and praised the dedication of the town's crossing guard team.

"It is nice to see such a big turnout for the crossing guards we have in town," he said. "These are really dedicated people, they stand out in all kinds of weather to make sure our kids get to school safely, and we're fortunate to have them."

"We're really fortunate in Shelburne, as a lot of communities are, to have really top-notch quality people out there keeping an eye on our kids," Mayor Mills added.

The event brought together town staff, local crossing guards and representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police to celebrate the dedication and service of those who help children and residents safely cross busy streets each day.

The proclamation noted that crossing guards devote their attention and energy each school day to assisting pedestrians travelling to and from school, work and other destinations. Their presence at key intersections helps reduce risks for pedestrians while encouraging safe road-crossing habits among young students.

Town officials also highlighted the challenges crossing guards regularly face while performing their duties. Whether working through rain, snow, extreme cold or intense summer heat, crossing guards remain focused on ensuring residents can cross roads safely.

The proclamation further recognized the ongoing partnership between the Town of Shelburne and the Dufferin Detachment Board #2 in promoting pedestrian safety throughout the community. Officials said crossing guards play an important role in that effort by serving as a visible reminder of the importance of road safety and shared responsibility among drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week is coordinated through the Ontario Traffic Council School Crossing Guard Program Committee, of which the Town of Shelburne is a member.

The annual recognition campaign aims to raise awareness of the vital role crossing guards play in helping keep Ontario communities safe and ensuring students can get to and from school securely each day.