

Re: Parking Regulations near Coquitlam Schools

School is back in session once again and the City of Coquitlam would like to support and reinforce the message to motorists on the importance of observing the parking regulations in effect in school zones. While the vast majority of motorists respect the posted parking and stopping rules around schools and understand that those rules are driven by safety concerns, a minority fail to obey those rules and place school children and other motorists at risk. This year a pilot project has been started by the Bylaw Dept to designate 1 Bylaw Officer to Liaison with all the schools and make contact with the PAC members and attend meetings on the concerns related to their individual schools.

Beginning on **Monday, September 14, 2008**, City Bylaw Enforcement Officers will be stepping up traffic enforcement around Coquitlam schools. There will be random patrols at Coquitlam schools during both the morning and afternoon peak traffic periods. Officers will be noting license plates of vehicles parked or stopped contrary to posted signs and traffic violation tickets will be issued, either to the vehicle driver at the time the violation is recorded or to the vehicle owner by mail. We hope that this enhanced enforcement will provide safer streets in the vicinity of Coquitlam's schools.