

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – AUGUST 20, 2001

MATTHEW DRIVE AND GIOVANNI CABOTO PARK IMPROVEMETS

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

That the City of Vaughan receives the petition from the residents of Matthew Drive;

That the City of Vaughan establishes a traffic calming committee and approves staff to attend a public meeting;

That the City of Vaughan installs the appropriate signs for the purpose of informing drivers to drive “slow”/ “school crossing”/“community safety zone” ahead, as preferred by the City of Vaughan Engineering Department;

That the City of Vaughan reduces the speed limit to 40 km;

That the City of Vaughan installs a raised crosswalk at the entranceway to the park in consultation with the abutting residents and the local councillor;

That the City of Vaughan Engineering Department works at opportunities to review the lighting for the residents of Matthew Drive;

That the City of Vaughan installs a gate at the entrance to Giovanni Caboto Park;

That the source of funds be park development, as Giovanni Caboto Park is under development.

Background

Residents along Matthew Drive have experienced significant increase in the volume and speed of traffic since the opening of Blue Willow Public School and the near completion of Giovanni Caboto Park.

Giovanni Caboto Park is nearing completion, by the end of the summer and residents have already experienced a high volume of traffic at the parking lot and unruly behaviour. They have requested that a gateway be installed and concur with the City of Vaughan Park Closure Policy at 11:00 p.m.

The school was originally planned to be inside the open space area and now has been moved closer to the collector road. Matthew Drive was designed to a narrower width and as a result there is concern for the residents fronting the park, with speeding and crossing, as no sidewalk has been installed on the park side. A raised intersection or raised crosswalk has been requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Di Vona, Councillor