

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 21, 2002

SONOMA HEIGHTS AREA TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

Purpose

Staff have been directed to review various traffic issues in the Sonoma Heights area in response to concerns expressed by the Sonoma Heights Ratepayers Association.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on November 5, 2001, Council received the deputation of Mr. Dino Giuliani, President of the Sonoma Heights Ratepayers Association, and directed staff to prepare a report addressing concerns raised by the residents.

The following concerns have been raised by the residents of the Sonoma Heights area:

1. "Currently, a transportation committee made up of residents and Vaughan Staff has been formed but results are slow. We ask that Vaughan staff work with us to get results a little quicker."

Staff have provided the committee with the information they need to go ahead and develop a community traffic calming plan. The committee is now in the process of developing this plan and staff is waiting for a submission to review and provide input on the traffic calming proposals.

2. "... there has been some concerns of the triangular concrete and interlock areas surrounding the turnstyles in the area. This appears to present a sense of false security for pedestrians however, is not. We ask that staff look at improvements or removal."

Staff have reviewed the operation of the raised traffic diverters at the approaches of the six roundabouts in the area. At its meeting of November 26, 2001, Council approved a recommendation that the traffic diverters in the Sonoma Heights area be reconstructed out of flush-to-grade concrete.

3. "Issues surrounding St. Andrews are typical for new areas, but were compounded when there was no cross walks, crossing guards and proper signage on the street when it opened in September."

Staff were not informed of the opening of St. Andrews Catholic School in September 2001. Staff have taken steps to prevent this concern from happening in the future by requesting the school boards to provide the City with a list of future school openings. Staff will also monitor the opening of new schools through the site plan review process.

4. "Two additional schools nearly side by side are being built on Napa Valley Drive to open for next September. We ask that cross walks, crossing guards, street signage and the park between the schools be already in place for the first day of school next September."

As discussed above, staff will monitor the opening of new schools to ensure that crosswalks, school crossing guards and 40 km/hr signs are in place beforehand. Staff will prepare a report for a June 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting to recommend locations for crosswalks and school crossing guards for these two schools, and any other schools that will open in September, and 40 km/hr signs will be posted on the abutting streets.

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