

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 21, 2002**

### **FLAMINGO ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE PLAN**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee plan proposal be approved, with the exception of the allway stop controls proposed at the intersections of Flamingo Road and Highcliffe Drive, Flamingo Road and Golfer's Gate/Oklahoma Gate, and Highcliffe Drive and Downing Boulevard/Trafalgar Square, and that the proposed speed hump located on Flamingo Road at the walkway be constructed as a raised crosswalk; and
2. That funds in the amount of \$58,000 for the implementation of the plan proposal be drawn from the 2001 Capital Budget (Traffic Calming, Project No. 1203-2).

#### **Purpose**

To report on the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee Plan.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The Flamingo Road Traffic Committee plan proposal was presented to Committee of the Whole at its meeting of September 17, 2002 by the Chair of the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee in an attempt to address concerns with vehicle speeds, cut through traffic and stop sign compliance in the area. The traffic committee area is bounded by Bathurst Street to the west, Atkinson Avenue to the south and to its subdivision limits to the north and east. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

#### **Public Participation**

The initial public meeting of the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee was held on June 18, 2001. Engineering Department staff outlined the concept of traffic calming and the types of traffic calming measures available, and explained the City's Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedure.

The final public meeting was held on September 12, 2002. The Traffic Committee, with the assistance of Engineering Department staff, introduced the traffic calming proposals for the neighbourhood to the residents in attendance. There were 12 votes received by telephone or e-mail and 10 votes were in favour of the plan. There were 24 residents in attendance and 19 votes in favour of the plan. The total votes in favour of the plan were 29 and there were 7 votes not in favour of the plan.

#### **Traffic Calming Plan - General**

There are two existing allway stop controls at the following intersections within the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee area:

- Flamingo Road and Downing Boulevard/Sanibel Crescent; and
- Flamingo Road and Glenforest Drive (east intersection).

The existing posted speed limit is 40 km/h on Flamingo Road, Downing Boulevard and Highcliffe Drive.

The traffic management plan as originally proposed by the Traffic Committee consists of nine asphalt speed humps and three allway stop controls.

Asphalt speed humps can be placed at the following locations:

- Flamingo Road, between #37/43 Flamingo Road;
- Flamingo Road, opposite #100 and #105 Flamingo Road;
- Flamingo Road, between #170/#176 Flamingo Road;
- Flamingo Road, between #323/#327 Flamingo Road;
- Flamingo Road, at the Walkway near #416 Flamingo Road;
- Highcliffe Drive, between #490/#494 and opposite #489/#493;
- Downing Boulevard, between #83/#89 Downing Boulevard;
- Downing Boulevard, opposite #50 and #51; and
- Janesville Road, between #36/#40 Janesville Road.

The residents at the meeting agreed that the speed humps are to be constructed completely out of asphalt. It is recommended that all speed humps be constructed completely out of asphalt to distinguish them from raised crosswalks.

As it was not discussed at the meeting, Engineering Department staff recommends that the proposed speed hump located at the walkway near #416 Flamingo Road be constructed as a raised crosswalk with patterned concrete.

Allway stop controls are proposed at the following intersections:

- Flamingo Road and Highcliffe Drive;
- Flamingo Road and Golfer's Gate/Oklahoma Gate; and
- Highcliffe Drive and Downing Boulevard/Trafalgar Square.

These allway stop controls are not technically warranted in terms of traffic volumes, and staff cannot recommend their installation. However, should Council wish, they may be installed without adversely impacting traffic operations.

As its meeting of December 18, 2001, Council approved a moratorium on the implementation of traffic calming measures, with the exception of those in existing traffic committees. As the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee was formed in June 2001, it is exempt from the moratorium.

The Year 2001 Capital Budget has \$1,700,000 remaining for the implementation of traffic calming projects. To date, the following Traffic Management Plans and projects that will be funded from the \$1,700,000 have been approved and total approximately \$417,000:

- Airdrie Drive Traffic Committee, estimated cost \$46,000;
- Chancellor Community Centre speed humps, estimated cost of \$30,000;
- Hilda/Pinewood intersection modifications, estimated cost of \$85,000;
- Vaughanwood South Neighbourhood, estimated cost of \$50,000;
- Weston Downs North, estimated cost of \$120,000;
- Belview Avenue speed hump, estimated cost of \$12,000;
- Maple Landings Neighbourhood, estimated cost of \$140,000;
- Rosedale Heights, estimated cost of \$42,000;
- Alberta Drive speed hump, estimated cost of \$10,000;
- Weston Downs Phase 1B (Velmar Drive), estimated cost of \$70,000; and
- Arnold Avenue, actual cost of \$46,000.

## **Conclusion**

The Engineering Department recommends for approval the Flamingo Road Traffic Committee plan proposal. The estimated cost of \$58,000 includes taxes, contingency allowance and associated traffic signs and pavement markings.

**Attachments**

1. Location Map

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# ATTACHMENT No. 1

