

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 4, 2002

BLUE WILLOW COMMUNITY TRAFFIC REVIEW

Council adopted the following resolution at the Council meeting of October 28, 2002, with respect to Item 22, Report No. 72 of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 21, 2002:

“The Committee of the Whole recommends that this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 4, 2002, to allow staff to review the resident’s petition.”

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

1. That City of Vaughan Engineering Department be requested to review the recommendations made at the public meeting of October 15, 2002, which include:
 - a. review of the signage at the traffic circles on Blue Willow Drive;
 - b. implementation of all ways stop control on Blue Willow Drive at Michelle Drive;
 - c. lowering of the speed limit on Blue Willow Drive in the vicinity of Blue Willow Public School;
 - d. student crossing from Blue Willow Drive, on the south side to attend the school on the north side;
 - e. maintain the painting warning lines on Blue Willow Drive at Grantcrest, i.e. the lines have not been painted;
2. The City of Vaughan establishes a traffic committee for the purpose of reviewing the traffic history and make recommendations to the City of Vaughan Engineering Dept. and that staff is approved to attend.
3. York Regional Police be notified by the City of Vaughan to enhance enforcement as expressed by the residents.

Background

The residents of Blue Willow Drive have experienced and witnessed severe unsafe road driving problems with vehicles driving upward of 110 km and there have been several police reported accidents. In one instance, a young man jumped in front of a vehicle and pulled his elderly mother out of the way of a vehicle. In another instance, a resident was so upset with the speeding; he threw two bicycles in the road to try to stop the drag racing.

Blue Willow Drive has been the first traffic controlled designed community in Woodbridge. It already has a traffic circle and road narrowing; however, it has experienced overwhelming volume and speeding and the residents request further consultations. The consultation will have little or no impact on most adjoining streets, as there are several condominium corporations, roads built to very narrow standards and several crescents.

Attachment

Petition – Members of Council Only

Report Prepared by:

Councillor Bernie Di Vona