COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 20, 2003

BURWICK AVENUE & LANSDOWNE AVENUE 3-WAY STOP CONTROL & NO STOPPING

Recommendation

In response to requests from area residents as well as the School Council and administration of Woodbridge Public School, Councillor Linda D. Jackson recommends:

THAT a three-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Burwick Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue to replace the one-way stop that currently exists northbound on Lansdowne Avenue at Burwick Avenue, and

THAT "No Stopping" signs be installed on the south side of Burwick Avenue, from Woodbridge Public School to Lansdowne Avenue.

Purpose

To discourage motorists from parking along both sides of Burwick Avenue, effectively blocking the street in front of Woodbridge Public School, and

To reduce the speed with which motorists are driving along Burwick Avenue where numerous elementary school children are walking.

Background

Cars have been double and triple parking along Burwick Avenue, between Woodbridge Public School and Lansdowne Avenue, impeding the safe entry and exit of buses and children from the school. The safety of the high volume of elementary school aged children who walk to and from school is also a concern due to the excessive speeds being witnessed along the length of Burwick Avenue.

Conclusion

In response to requests received from area residents as well as the School Council and administration of Woodbridge Public School, it is recommended that "No Stopping" signs be installed on the south side of Burwick Avenue, between Woodbridge Public School and Lansdowne Avenue.

Attachments

Letter from Karen Cooper-Brown, Principal of Woodbridge Public School

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Respectfully submitted,

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May 12, 2003

Dear Linda Jackson,

RE: Traffic Signage for Woodbridge Public School

Thank you for support in ensuring the safety of students at the school. As you are well aware, like our neighbours, we are concerned about the cars and buses that speed along Larisdowne and Burwick Avenues as they rush to enter and exit the building. Your proposal of an "Allway Stop sign" at the intersection of Lansdowne and Burwick would stop and therefore slow all traffic coming toward and then leaving the school.

The addition of large and therefore easily spotted, "No Standing signs" on the north and south sides of Burwick Avenue, beginning east of Lansdowne and ending at the school entrance would also be beneficial. These signs would stop the often double and triple parking of cars that cause traffic congestion and impede school buses from entering and leaving the school safely and on schedule.

As Principal of Woodbridge Public School, I am fully in support of your proposals (Allway Stop and No Standing signage) and on behalf of the School Council, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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