

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 1, 2004

ENSURING THE SAFETY OF SENIOR RESIDENTS OF FRIULI COURT

Recommendation

Councillor Carella recommends:

That staff be directed to investigate and report back at the earliest opportunity, the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk on Friuli Court, at mid-block, and the repair of potholes in the roadway.

Purpose

To ensure the safety of seniors who reside on the north side of Friuli Court when accessing on foot the services located on the south side of the street.

Background - Analysis and Options

Friuli Court is a short street running east from Islington Avenue, one block north of Steeles Avenue West, and ending in a turning circle. The north side of the court features---from west to east---a combination clubhouse-restaurant-banquet hall (the Friuli Centre, or Famee Furlane), a soon-to-be-opened long-term care facility (Villa Leonardo Gambin), and a seniors' residence (Friuli Terrace). The south side is comprised of a variety of small business, which back onto other stores and services facing Islington Avenue and Steeles Avenue West, as well as the premises of two Italian Canadian clubs. The court ends in a cul-de-sac that contains a number of automotive service businesses.

Residents on the north side have long complained of excessive speeding along the street, caused---it would appear---by motorists traveling back and forth from Islington to the automotive service businesses at the end of the court.

Further, that while Islington Avenue might be a more appropriate crossing point for those wishing to access services or clubhouses on the south side of Friuli Court, the distance to Islington from Friuli Terrace is arguably too far to expect a senior citizen to walk, especially in the colder months.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 1.1 of the Vaughan Vision reads: "Improve community safety through design, prevention, enforcement, and education."

Conclusion

Repair of the potholes in the street, and the installation of a well-signed, raised cross walk mid-block will address the concerns nearby residents have when crossing this street.

Attachments

None

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