

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 7, 2005

KING HIGH DRIVE AND AREA TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW/SURVEY RESULTS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That this report be received for information.
2. That staff be given direction with regard to:
 - a) Construction of a sidewalk on the south side of King High Drive, and;
 - b) Commencement of the Class EA process should the installation of traffic calming measures be desired.

Purpose

To report on the survey results regarding the proposed speed hump location on King High Drive, Concord Road, and Lawrie Road.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of September 13, 2004, Council adopted:

“That staff provide a report with respect to alternatives for the installation of a sidewalk and on traffic calming for the area.”

Background

King High Drive, Concord Road, and Lawrie Road are within the area of the King High Drive Traffic Committee, which was formed as per Council direction at its meeting of May 13, 2002, to look at the installation of traffic calming measures on King High Drive, Concord Road, and Lawrie Road. One of the issues identified by the residents at the initial public meeting was traffic infiltration on King High Drive.

King High Drive, Concord Road, and Lawrie Road are designed to local road standards with a right-of-way width of 20.0 metres. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for area road network and possible speed hump locations.

Survey Results

Staff prepared a survey that was mailed out to 170 homes on Friday, December 17, 2004. The survey asked that residents return the completed forms by January 7, 2005. Staff have received 60 responses either by telephone, email or facsimiles out of 170 mailed surveys or 35% of the initial surveyed area. There are 44 (73%) responses in favour of the proposed speed humps and 16 (27%) responses not in favour of the speed humps. Refer to Attachment No. 2 for the resident survey form.

Proposed Sidewalk

As per Council direction (Item 17, Report No. 59 of the Committee of the Whole as adopted by Council on September 13, 2004), staff have further investigated the feasibility of constructing a 1.5 metre wide concrete sidewalk on King High Drive between Dufferin Street and Vaughan Boulevard. Staff have determined that because of the topography and landscaping features on the boulevards, the South side of the road is more favourable to the construction of a sidewalk

than the North boulevard. The estimated cost of the sidewalk is \$175,000. Sufficient funds have been included in the Draft 2005 Capital budget for this work. Subject to Council approval of the funds in the 2005 Capital Budget and direction to proceed, staff will commence design and undertake to construct the sidewalk on the South side of King High Drive in 2005.

Traffic Calming

As required under the Environmental Assessment Act, whenever traffic calming measures are installed or removed a Schedule B Environmental Assessment process must be followed. This process requires public notification and consultation, the identification of alternates, and the filing of a Notice of Completion with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and publication in local media.

Should traffic calming measures be approved by Council for installation on King High Drive, Concord Road, and Lawrie Road, then the City would be required to publish a Notice of Commencement, develop a plan for review by the public and publish a Notice of Completion. The notices would also have to be filed with the Ministry of the Environment and published in editions of the Vaughan Citizen, Lo Specchio and Vaughan Weekly newspapers.

The estimated cost of the contemplated speed humps is \$25,000.00. Funds are presently available under project 1203-2-01.

Prior to construction, the City's normal practice is to mail letters to the residents of King High Drive, Concord Road and Lawrie Road should traffic calming measures be approved informing them of their installation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to ensure that the enhancement of safety standards are adhered to (1.1.2).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the report be received for information.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Resident Survey

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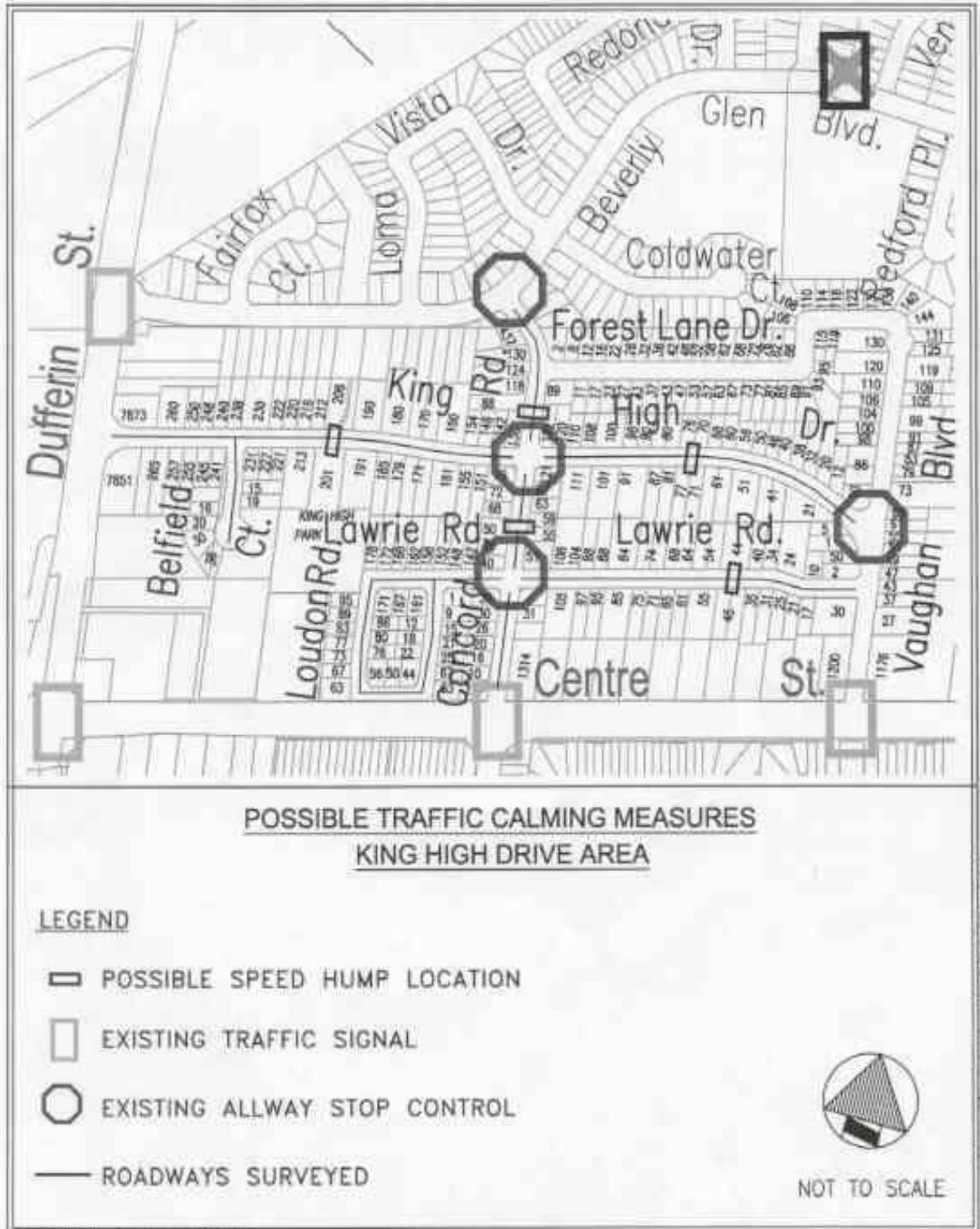
Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT No. 1





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**POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ALONG
KING HIGH DR., CONCORD RD., AND LAWRIE RD.
FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

Subsequent to the Council meeting of September 13, 2004, the request for closure of King High Drive at Dufferin Street was not approved. Under the direction of Council, the City of Vaughan Engineering Staff is requesting your feedback on possible traffic calming measures in this community.

Engineering Staff reviewed the most appropriate locations that speed humps could be installed and have identified the following five potential locations:

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| King High Drive | - | west of the driveway at #206; and |
| | - | between #70/#76 and #71/#77. |
| Concord Road | - | 5 metres south of the driveways at #88 |
| | - | opposite properties #50 and #55 |
| Lawrie Road | - | opposite properties #44 and #45. |

The locations of the five speed humps are illustrated on the reverse side of this notice.

The City of Vaughan Engineering Staff would like your feedback regarding the above possible traffic calming measures within your neighbourhood.

- Yes, I am in favour of implementing the speed humps within the neighbourhood.
- No, I am not in favour of installing the speed humps within the neighbourhood.

For tracking purposes please provide your address: _____

Kindly return this survey no later than **January 7, 2005**, by any of the following methods.

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