

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 20, 2005

LA ROCCA AVENUE AND COMOQ AVENUE PROPOSED SCHOOL CROSSWALK RELOCATION AND STOPPING PROHIBITION

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That the existing school crossing guard on the east side of the intersection of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue be relocated to the west side of the intersection of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue.
2. That By-Law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-Law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of La Rocca Avenue between the east and west driveways of St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic School.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the stopping prohibition signs and relocate the school crosswalk signs and the crosswalk pavement markings is a minor initial impact to the 2005 Operating Budget, and the cost to maintain the signs and pavement markings would be an annual future budget impact.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of relocating the existing school crossing guard from the east side of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue to the west side of the intersection, and the feasibility of adding a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the north side of La Rocca Avenue between the east and west driveways of St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic School, in response to a request from the Ward 1 Councillor.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Ward 1 Councillor met with the staff and the parent council of St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic School regarding the safety of the children and to simplify enforcement in the area.

La Rocca Avenue is a feeder roadway with a reduced posted speed limit of 40 km/h in the area of St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic School, which is located on the north side of La Rocca Avenue. There is an existing school crossing guard located on the east side of the intersection of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

There is an existing sidewalk on the west side of Comoq Avenue, and a walkway to the school on the west side of the school driveway at this intersection. As children arriving to and departing from the school are encouraged to use sidewalks for safe passage, it is recommended that the existing school crossing guard on the east side of La Rocca Avenue be relocated to the west side of the intersection. 'No Stopping' signs will be installed 15 metres on both sides of the street to either side of the school crosswalk, and crosswalk lines will be painted.

In addition, a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of La Rocca Avenue in front of the school, between the two school driveways was requested to prevent parents from parking or stopping in this area. Staff met with By-Law and Enforcement staff to discuss this proposal and this proposal is recommended to improve safety in this area.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Conclusion

That the existing school crossing guard on the east side of the intersection of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue be relocated to the west side of the intersection of La Rocca Avenue and Comoq Avenue. It is also recommended that By-Law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-Law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of La Rocca Avenue between the east and west driveways of St. Agnes of Assisi Catholic School.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1



