

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 20, 2005

KING HIGH DRIVE AND AREA TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW/SIDEWALK/MEETING UPDATE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That the King High Drive and Area Traffic Calming Plan be approved and implemented in 2005, subject to the requisite approvals and completion of the Class EA process;
2. That funds in the amount of \$25,000 for the implementation of the plan proposal be set aside from the Traffic Calming Capital Budget (Project No. 1203.2.01);
3. That a sidewalk not be installed on King High Drive;
4. That the Region of York be requested to review the feasibility of the closure of King High Drive at Dufferin Street or the implementation of a southbound left turn prohibition at the intersection of Dufferin Street and King High Drive between the hours 7:00am to 9:00am, Monday to Friday.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the speed humps will have an initial impact on the Traffic Calming budget account. The signage, pavement marking and general maintenance will have an impact on future Operating budgets. The necessary resources have been allocated and approved in the Traffic Calming budget.

Purpose

To report on the public meeting results regarding the proposed speed hump locations on King High Drive, Concord Road and Lawrie Road and the proposed sidewalk on King High Drive.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of February 14, 2005, Council adopted:

“That staff schedule a public meeting to consider appropriate locations for traffic calming measures.”

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.

King High Drive, Concord Road and Lawrie Road are designed to local road standards with a right-of-way width of 20.0 metres. Concord Road has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and King High Drive/Lawrie Road have a statutory 50 km/h speed limit. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for area road network.

Community Meeting

A community meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 to discuss the proposed speed humps locations on King High Drive, Concord Road and Lawrie Road and the implementation of a sidewalk to be located on the south side of King High Drive.

Summary from the Meeting

- The majority in attendance approved the speed humps as proposed.
- The majority in attendance agreed that two more speed humps be approved on King High Drive (4 in total) locations as to be determined by Traffic Staff.
- The speed hump located near #88 Concord Road be re-located in front of #118 Concord Road with the agreement of the homeowner(s) of #118. City Staff subsequently received an email from the homeowner(s) of #118 Concord Road indicating their agreement with this proposal. A copy of their email is provided (Attachment No. 2).
- All in attendance voted against the installation of the sidewalk, as proposed, on the south side of King High Drive. Petition received refer to Attachment No.3.
- That a letter be sent to the Region of York requesting that either King High Drive be closed at Dufferin Street or that a Southbound Left Turn Prohibition be implemented during the morning weekday peak period.

Traffic Calming Plan – General

Staff undertook field investigations to determine locations that would be physically feasible for the proposed traffic calming measures.

Speed humps can be placed at the following locations:

- In front of #118 Concord Road;
- Between #55/#59 Concord Road;
- Opposite #44 and #45 Lawrie Road;
- Opposite #201 and #206 King High Drive;
- Between #171/#175 King High Drive;
- Between #90/#96 King High Drive; and
- Between #50/#56 King High Dive.

Environmental Assessment Act Requirements

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.

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.

Conclusion

Engineering staff recommends for approval the King High Drive and Area Traffic Calming plan proposal. The estimated cost of \$25,000 includes taxes, contingency allowance and associated traffic signs and pavement markings. It is also recommended that the subject City works be implemented in 2005.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Resident Letter - #118 Concord Road
3. Petition – Residents Sidewalk Issue

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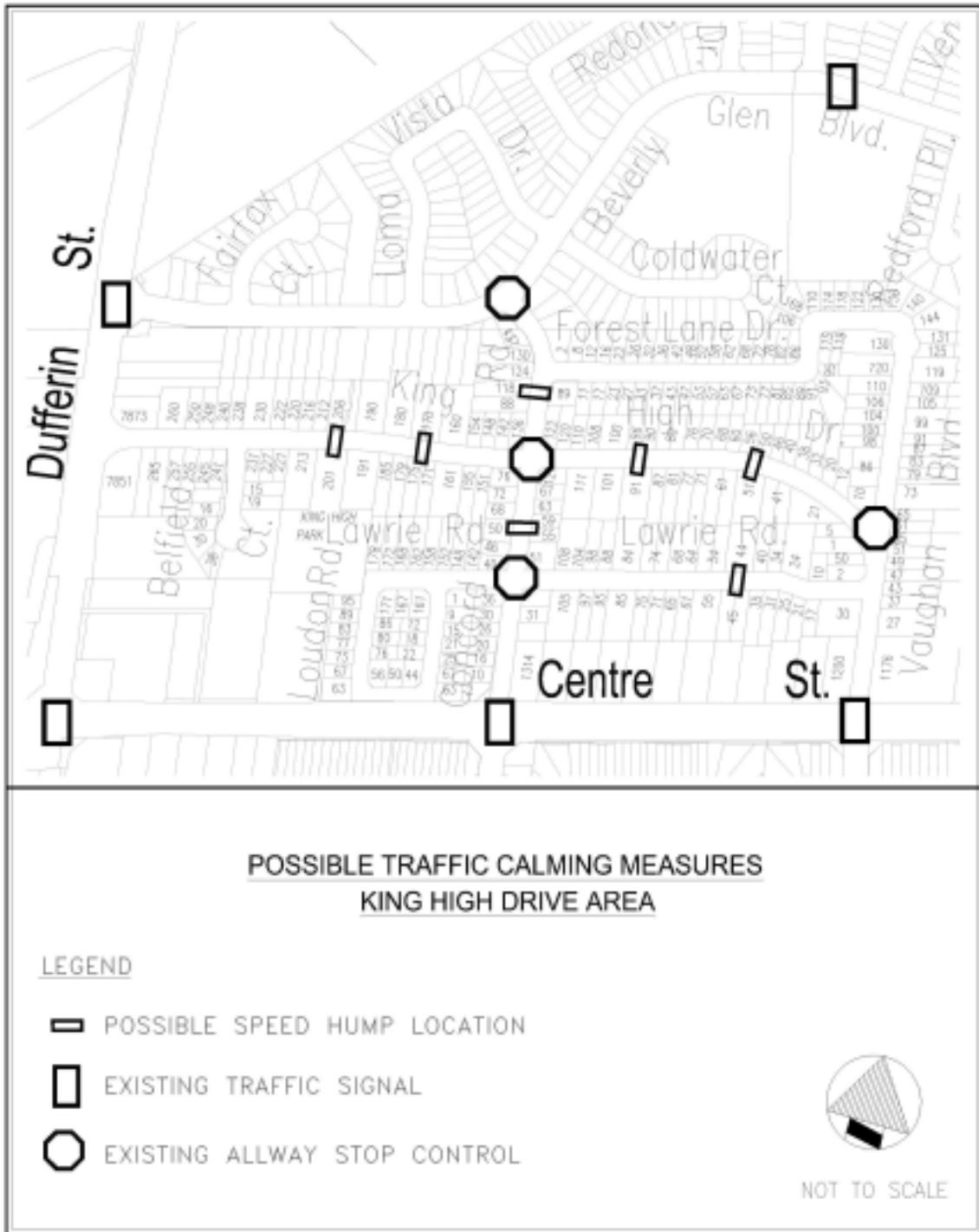
Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works

Gary Carroll, P. Eng.
Director of Engineering Services

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ATTACHMENT No. 1



ATTACHMENT NO. 2

Monday, May 22, 2005

Dear Sandra,

RE: SPEED HUMP AT 118 CONCORD ROAD, THORNHILL

It was a pleasure meeting you last week at the community meeting. As we had verbally agreed, this email serves as confirmation that both Anna and Dov Brandes, homeowners of 118 Concord Road, Thornhill, give authorization to the city of Vaughan to place a speed hump in front of our property, located in between our two driveways. We urge you to expedite the installation of the speed hump as soon as possible as the rate of speed on Concord has reached dangerous levels. We trust that the speed hump will be decorative and suitable to the neighbourhood. We would like to be informed as to the anticipated date of installation.

Once again, we thank you for addressing the needs of our community and appreciate your support in this matter.

Best Regards,

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NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Agenda Item No.: 17

Item Name: KING HIGH DRIVE AND AREA
TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW/SIDEWALK MEETING UPDATE

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: --

No. of Signatures: 63

Submitted by: Residents of King High Drive

For a copy of the petition contact:

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