

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 20, 2005**

**TRAFFIC CALMING – LAKEVIEW ESTATE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That speed humps not be installed on Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place;
2. That 'Traffic Calmed Neighbourhood' signs not be installed at New Westminster Drive and Conley Street (west side), Conley Street near Lakehurst Park, Conley Street and Whitney Place (south side), and Steeles Avenue West and Thurman Road;

**Economic Impact**

Not applicable.

**Purpose**

To review the feasibility of installing speed humps on Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place.

**Background – Analysis and Options**

At its meeting on February 14, 2005 Council directed:

**“The Committee of the Whole recommends that the deputation of Ms. Erlinda Insigne, President Lakeview Estate Ratepayers Association, and written submissions dated February 3, 2005 and January 21, 2005, be received, and referred to staff for a report.”**

Conley Street and Thurman Road are feeder roadways with a 23.0 metre right-of-way and Whitney Place is a local road with an 18.5 metre right-of-way. The speed limit on Conley Street and Thurman Road is a reduced 40 km/h, while the speed limit on Whitney Place is a statutory 50 km/h. The area is shown on Attachment No.1.

Staff conducted a radar speed study and collected speed data from Automatic Traffic Recorders over a 24-hour period. A radar study was conducted on Whitney Place and the recorders were installed at three locations on Conley Street and Thurman Road on Wednesday, May 18, 2005. Table 1 is a summary of the results collected from the radar speed study and Table 2 is a summary of the results collected using the Automatic Traffic Recorders.

**Table 1 – Radar Speed Study Results on Whitney Place**

	LOCATION	DATE STUDIED	DIRECTION	AVERAGE SPEED	VOLUMES
AM	Whitney Place - 100 m south of Conley Street	May 26, 2005	Northbound	36 km/h	23
			Southbound	34 km/h	14
PM	Whitney Place - 100 m south of Conley Street	May 26, 2005	Northbound	37 km/h	12
			Southbound	34 km/h	21

**Table 2 - 24-Hour Count Results on Conley Street and Thurman Road**

	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE STUDIED</b>	<b>DIRECTION</b>	<b>AVERAGE SPEED</b>	<b>VOLUMES</b>
1	Conley Street - 61 m south of Borrows St	May 18, 2005 to May 20, 2005	Northbound	41 km/h	1486
			Southbound	42 km/h	1559
2	Conley Street - 86 m east of Mabley Cres (between 265/269)	May 18, 2005 to May 20, 2005	Eastbound	42 km/h	1431
			Westbound	44 km/h	1778
3	Thurman Road - 35 m south of Hinda Lane (between 27/29)	May 18, 2005 to May 20, 2005	Northbound	44 km/h	1857
			Southbound	42 km/h	1507

In accordance with the Council's Neighbourhood Traffic Committee policy and Procedure, speed humps shall be considered only when the following three warrants are met; the street is not a primary emergency response route, the speed limit is 50 km/h or less, and the average speed is measured to be 10 km/h greater than the speed limit.

The collected speeds do not exceed the posted speed limit by 10 km/h. Based on the above warrant, the installation of speed humps on Whitney Place, Conley Street, and Thurman Road is not recommended. Conley Street is considered a primary response route into the subdivision. Thurman Road and Whitney Place are not considered emergency response routes.

'Traffic Calmed Neighbourhood' signs are only installed when traffic-calming measures are actually in place in the Neighbourhood. According to the Council's Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedure, traffic calming measures are not warranted on Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place and therefore, Traffic Calmed Neighbourhood signs cannot be installed at this time.

Regarding 'Road Watch Program' signs, residents should be encouraged to participate in this program by calling the York Regional Police with specific times and locations of speeding concerns and can be assured that the police will respond as their resources permit. There are existing Road Watch Signs on Conley Street at Steeles Avenue, on Conley Street at New Westminster Drive (west side) and on Conley Street at Thurman Road, which cover the areas requested by the residents.

#### **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 alternatives, and the filing of a Notice of Completion with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and publication in local media.

Should Council approve traffic calming measures for installation on Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place, 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 Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place 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 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**

Based on staff's review, it is not recommended to install speed humps on Conley Street, Thurman Road and Whitney Place at this time.

### **Attachments**

1. Location Map

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