

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 20, 2005

ENTRANCE FEATURE AT ARISTA GATE

Recommendation:

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that any discussions between the City of Vaughan and the Region of York with respect to the addition of planted and/or paved medians on streets intersecting Islington Avenue between Langstaff Road and Rutherford Road (e.g., Wycliffe Avenue, Wycliffe Gate, etc.) include consideration of Arista Gate as the site of a planted and/or paved centre median at the intersection of Arista Gate at Islington Avenue.

Economic Impact:

Should discussions on this topic lead to an agreement between the City of Vaughan and the Region of York, the cost of a planted and/or paved median at Arista Gate would range from approximately \$15,000 to \$25,000, depending on the design of said median.

Purpose:

To include Arista Gate in any proposal to construct centre medians on streets intersecting Islington Avenue between Langstaff Road and Rutherford Road

Background - Analysis and Options:

When the subdivision known as Islington Woods was constructed, residents requested that a sidewalk---to be constructed and paid by the developer---not be built along Arista Gate, the street which provides access to Islington Avenue. In the years since, funds for the said sidewalk, provided by the developer have been held in trust by the City, pending a decision by local residents on how they might be spent for some other public purpose. Until the recent (June 14) general meeting of the local ratepayers, it was expected that residents would approve the dedication of these funds to the construction of an entrance feature at the intersection of Arista Gate and Islington Avenue.

However, the decision of the Committee of the Whole (subsequently approved by Council at its meeting of June 15, 2005) to pursue a request to the Region of York for consideration of the construction of centre medians along Islington Avenue between Langstaff Road and Rutherford Road, and the construction of centre medians at the intersections of Islington Avenue and a number of local streets (Wycliffe Avenue, Wycliffe Gate, etc.) has lead to a request from a number of Islington Woods ratepayers: if Arista Gate were to be included in such a request, the so-called sidewalk funds could be devoted to some other public purpose of general benefit to the local residents (e.g., enhancements to the local parkette, etc.).

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007:

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

Conclusion:

Fairness requires that Arista Gate be considered along with other local intersecting streets for the installation of centre medians.

Attachments:

Map indicating the location of works mentioned in this report

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Respectfully submitted,

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