

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 11, 2005

TURN-CONTROL SIGNAGE IN WEST WOODBRIDGE

Recommendation:

Councillor Tony Carella recommends

1. That staff conduct a survey to determine whether the majority of respondent residents of North Ridge Road and that portion of Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue agree in principle to the placement of turn-control signage as described below, and that if there is agreement in principle on the part of the majority of respondent residents, which of the two options described below is preferred by the majority of the respondent residents.
 - a. the complete prohibition of right turns from Woodbridge Avenue onto Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue and of left turns from Forest Drive onto North Ridge Road; or
 - b. the prohibition of right turns from Woodbridge Avenue onto Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue during the hours of 4 pm to 7 pm Monday - Friday; and of left turns from Forest Drive onto North Ridge Road during the hours of 6 am to 9 am Monday - Friday
2. That if the majority of respondent residents agree in principle, the option chosen by the majority of those who agree in principle with this recommendation, will be implemented by staff no later than December 1, 2005; and
3. That unless precluded by a by-law currently in effect or by provincial legislation or regulation, such signs to be augmented by the placement immediately below of smaller signage of the same width indicating "Up to [the maximum number of] points" which might accrue to any motorist convicted of violating the prohibition against turns at these locations.
4. That staff review the timing of signal lights at the intersection of Woodbridge Avenue and Forest Drive/Lewis Drive, to determine if the length of time allotted for traffic to enter the intersection from Forest Drive and Lewis Drive is sufficient to accommodate efficiently the amount of that traffic.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To address the concerns of residents of North Ridge Road and that portion of Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue

Background and Analysis

Councillor Carella recently met with some twenty residents of North Ridge Road and that portion of Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue, all of whom have witnessed a substantial increase in through-traffic since the placement of a stop signal at the intersection of Woodbridge Avenue and Forest Drive. The problem appears to be aggravated by the short duration of the green light which controls access to the intersection by traffic heading southbound on Forest Drive.

Motorists traveling in that direction and wishing to avoid queuing at Woodbridge Avenue routinely turn into North Ridge Road; similarly motorists traveling in a westerly direction along Woodbridge Avenue, and wishing to avoid the same stoplight, have made it a practice to turn right onto

Moonstone Place, which runs into the eastern end of North Ridge Road.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007:

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

Conclusion:

It is appropriate that Council respond to this request by surveying the residents of North Ridge Road and that portion of Moonstone Place north of Woodbridge Avenue, to determine if the majority of respondent residents do support a request for some measure of turn-controls at the above-described locations, and that the preferred option of respondent residents be implemented, along with other recommendations listed above.

Attachment:

None

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

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