

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 16TH, 2006

SHERWOOD PARK DRIVE – TRAFFIC SIGNAL

In response to resident concerns, Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to investigate the necessity and feasibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Sherwood Park Drive and Rutherford Road.
2. That the Region of York be requested to investigate the necessity and feasibility of increasing the length of the northbound advance left turn signal phase at the Keele Street/Rutherford Road intersection.

Economic Impact

To be determined

Purpose

To address ongoing safety concerns with 'cut-through' traffic on Sherwood Park Drive.

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents of Sherwood Park Drive have expressed ongoing concerns regarding the traffic infiltration from Keele Street and Rutherford who use Sherwood Park as a 'cut-through' to avoiding the intersection of Keele Street and Rutherford Road. Specific turning prohibitions were proposed by the Region of York and a survey of the residents was taken. With no clear mandate, a community meeting was convened on November 30th, 2005 with the residents of Sherwood Park Drive, Alberta Drive and Wedgewood Place.

At that meeting, the community continued to express serious concerns over speeding and other moving traffic violations that result from traffic using Sherwood Park Drive as a 'cut through' between Keele Street and Rutherford. As part of these discussions and various requests to the local Councillor, residents requested that the local Councillor investigate the feasibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Sherwood Park Drive and Rutherford Road.

In addition to the above, residents also expressed concerns that the traffic infiltration is a result of impatient drivers who do not wish to wait for the left turn signal at the intersection of Keele and Rutherford. As a result, they requested the local Councillor investigate the possibility of lengthening the left turn signal when going northbound on Keele Street to west on Rutherford Road as one means of responding to the traffic infiltration.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

1.1.3 Identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety.

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

Conclusion

In response to community concerns, Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends the Region of York be requested to investigate the necessity and feasibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Sherwood Park Drive and Rutherford Road. In addition, that the Region of York be

requested to investigate the lengthening the left turn signal at the intersection of Keele Street and Rutherford Road.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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