

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 29, 2006

SUNSET RIDGE PROPOSED NO PARKING PROHIBITION

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Parking, May 1 to September 15' prohibition on the south side of Sunset Ridge from Islington Avenue to Lookout Point Court.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the 'No Parking' signs will be an initial impact on the 2006 Operating Budget, however, there are sufficient funds in the approved budget for this work. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be an impact to future Operating Budgets.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing 'No Parking, May 1 to September 15' signs along the south side of Sunset Ridge from Islington Avenue to Lookout Point Court.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request from the Sonoma Heights Traffic Calming Committee has been received to review the parking activity on Sunset Ridge in the vicinity of the Woodbridge Expansion Area District Park. Sunset Ridge is a residential roadway with a 20.0-metre right-of-way and has a speed limit of 40 km/h. The Woodbridge Expansion Area District Park is located on the north side of Sunset Ridge in the upper most quadrant of the Woodbridge Expansion Area sub-division. See Attachment No. 1 for the area network.

In their request, the Sonoma Heights Traffic Calming Committee stated citizens attending the Woodbridge Expansion Area District Park do not utilize the two parking lots located on the park grounds and rather park their vehicles along Sunset Ridge. The Woodbridge Expansion Area District Park is utilized throughout the summer months due to the soccer fields located in the park. Although the request is to prohibit parking along the north side of Sunset Ridge, from a Traffic Safety perspective, the following reasons would justify implementing the No Parking prohibitions on the south side of Sunset Ridge:

1. Sunset Ridge is the main thoroughfare. The proposed prohibitions would prevent parents from parking on the south side and crossing Sunset Ridge with their children to access the park.
2. The proposed prohibitions would prevent children from being dropped off on the south side of Sunset Ridge to cross the road unassisted and from within parked vehicles.
3. Residents of Sunset Ridge still have the option of utilizing the north side of Sunset Ridge for on-street/visitor parking.

Vehicles parked along the south side of Sunset Ridge may potentially reduce sight line issues for pedestrians attempting to cross Sunset Ridge near the park. The installation of 'No Parking' prohibitions on the south side of Sunset Ridge will provide increased visibility for pedestrians and motor vehicles on Sunset Ridge and encourage motorists to park their vehicles within the park grounds.

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 and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that 'No Parking, May 1 to September 15' signs be installed on the south side of Sunset Ridge between Islington Avenue and Lookout Point Court.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

