

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 19, 2006

### **MISTY MEADOW DRIVE PARKING REVIEW**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That parking prohibitions not be implemented on Misty Meadow Drive;
2. That the City of Vaughan Bylaw and Enforcement Department provide increased enforcement of the maximum three hour parking limit on Misty Meadow Drive; and
3. That the letters and petitions be received from area residents.

#### **Economic Impact**

Not Applicable

#### **Purpose**

To review the feasibility of implementing parking prohibitions on Misty Meadow Drive.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

At its meeting on April 24, 2006 Council directed:

1. **That the request from residents from Misty Meadow Drive and Irish Moss Court dated April 10, 2006 be received.**
2. **That the Engineering Department conduct an immediate review of the traffic and parking activity as provided by the residents with a view of considering a parking restriction and/or prohibition on Misty Meadow Drive in the vicinity of Irish Moss Court.**
3. **That the Engineering Department brings back the report to a future Committee of the Whole before the summer break with options.**

Misty Meadow Drive is a residential local roadway with a 20-metre right-of-way. There is one lane of travel in each direction with a paved surface of 8.5 metres. The posted speed limit on Misty Meadow Drive is 40 km/h. The area is shown in Attachment No.1.

A request has been received to review the on-street parking conditions on Misty Meadow Drive in the vicinity of Irish Moss Court. In the request, the resident expressed concerns with vehicles parking on Misty Meadow Drive which cause through traffic to cross the centre line of the road and drive in the opposing lane, as well as hinder the ingress/egress to private driveways.

Staff conducted general observations on Misty Meadow Drive on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. During these observations, staff did not observe a parking problem on Misty Meadow Drive from Ansley Grove Road to Irish Moss Court. However, staff did observe five vehicles parked on Misty Meadow Drive from Irish Moss Court to approximately 500 metres west of Irish Moss Court. Vehicles that parked on the horizontal curves reduced the sightlines for traffic traveling in the same direction and would also force motorists to cross into the opposing

lane. Due to the low residential volume, motorists can easily view and negotiate around a parked vehicle on Misty Meadow Drive, which is similar to other local City roadways.

A collision review indicates four collisions have occurred on Misty Meadow Drive within the past three years as follows.

- A pedestrian stepped onto Misty Meadow Drive in front of a parked vehicle and was struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound. No charges were laid.
- One vehicle sideswiped the parked vehicle. Charges were laid.
- Two collisions occurred when motorists reversed out from their driveways and collided with vehicles parked on Misty Meadow Drive. No charges were laid.

Engineering staff received a letter/petition and video from a local resident on April 10, 2006. The letter expressed difficulties with entering and exiting a private driveway and was accompanied by a petition with 14 signatures in support of prohibiting parking on one side of Misty Meadow Drive. Staff did not observe any difficulties during their review with respect to vehicles entering and exiting private driveways. Staff reviewed the provided video and did not observe any problems that are not encountered on other similar type roadways within the City. The letter/petition has been included as Attachment No.2.

Engineering staff received a second letter/petition on May 29, 2006 from residents of Misty Meadow Drive. This petition contained 53 signatures opposed to any parking prohibitions on Misty Meadow Drive. The letter/petition has been included as Attachment No.3.

During the study, the parking was sporadic along Misty Meadow Drive, which does compare to other local city roadways.

In the absence of any site specific parking prohibitions the City's Consolidated Parking By-law, maximum 3 Hour limit, 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., applies to all Municipal thoroughfares, such as would be the case on Misty Meadow Drive.

### **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**

Based on our review, it is recommended that a parking prohibition not be implemented on Misty Meadow Drive, but rather increased surveillance and/or enforcement as required by Bylaw & Enforcement Department.

### **Attachments**

1. Location Street
2. Letter/petition Dated April 10, 2006 to the Mayor and members of Council only
3. Letter/petition Dated May 30, 2006 to the Mayor and members of Council only

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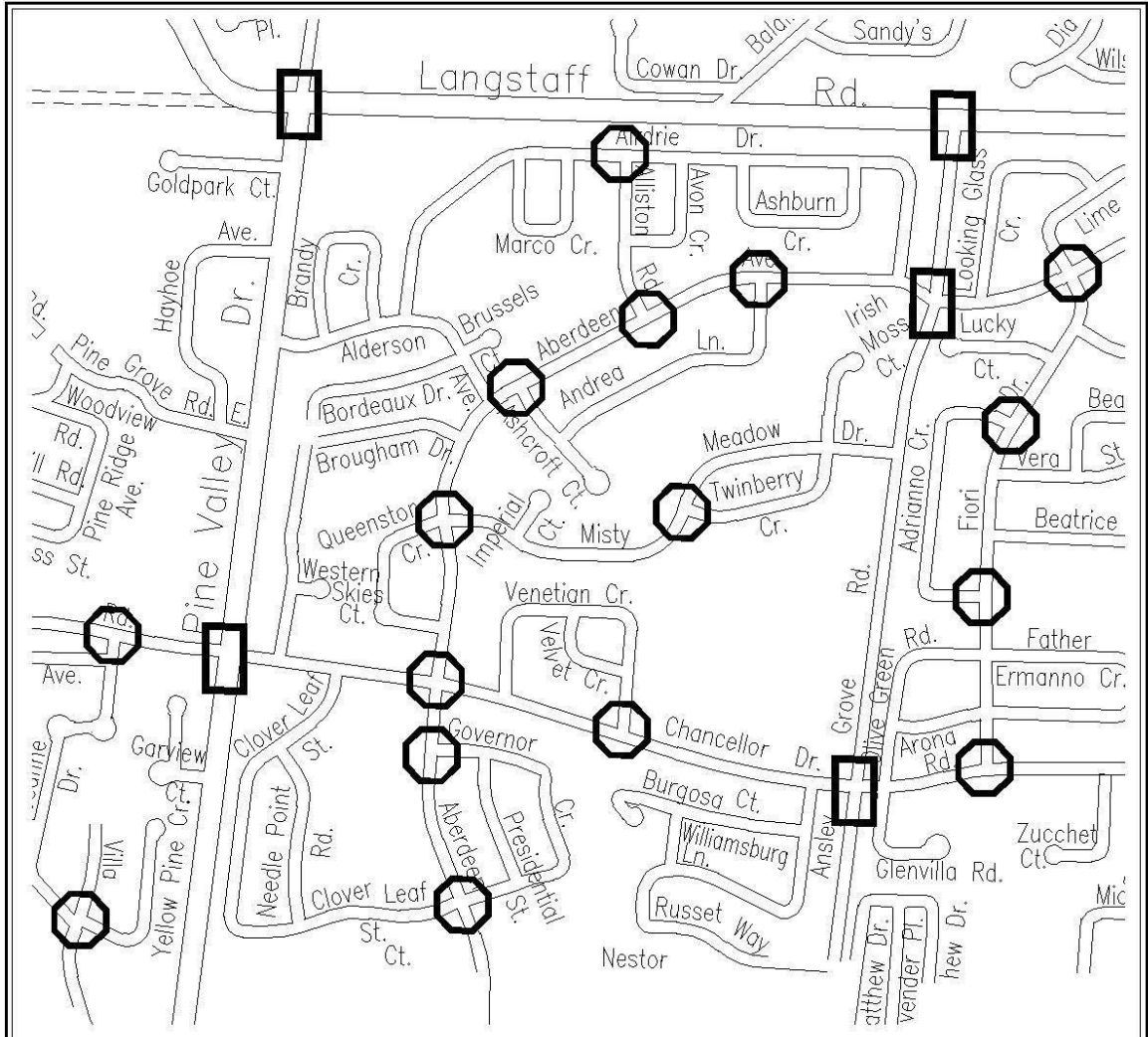
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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## MISTY MEADOW DRIVE

### LEGEND

-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALLWAY STOP CONTROL

