

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

SUMMERIDGE DRIVE –TRAFFIC CALMING

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff be directed to review the need for and feasibility of traffic calming measures for Summeridge Drive;
2. That staff and the Local Councillor meet with the community to discuss a traffic calming plan and to form a traffic calming committee; and
3. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole in December 2006.

Economic Impact

N/A.

Purpose

To alleviate speeding issues along Summeridge Drive.

Background - Analysis and Options

Summeridge Drive is a collector road that extends between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street in the Thornhill Woods subdivision, with a statutory speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour. Currently, there are existing all-way stop controls located at the intersections of Summeridge Drive and Pleasant Ridge Avenue, Summeridge Drive and Thornhill Woods Drive, Summeridge Drive and Bathurst Glen Drive, and Summeridge Drive and Loire Valley Drive.

Despite these all-way stop controls, vehicular traffic continues to speed along Summeridge Drive, creating a safety concern for the residents of the community. Several residents have telephoned the Councillor's office requesting that traffic calming measures be investigated for the roadway. The residents have also indicated that due to speeding traffic, several motor vehicle collisions have occurred on Summeridge Drive, adding to the safety concerns of the community.

Additionally, Summeridge Drive has become a throughfare roadway, as a high volume of traffic utilizes Summeridge Drive as an access road between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street, especially during peak traffic times. The volume of throughfare traffic does add to the speeding issues of the roadway, creating a safety concern for the residents of the community.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

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

Conclusion

It is recommended that staff be directed to investigate the necessity and feasibility of traffic calming measures for the entirety of Summeridge Drive in order to address the ongoing concerns over speeding along Summeridge Drive. It is also recommended that a community meeting be held to discuss a traffic calming plan and to form a traffic calming committee.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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