COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 11, 2006

JUDITH AVENUE PROPOSED RAISED CROSSWALK

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk on Judith Avenue either between # 71 and # 73 or between # 77 and # 81 Judith Avenue, as directed by Council.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on September 25, 2006 the Committee of the Whole recommended:

- "1. That staff investigate the feasibility of installing a raised crosswalk on Judith Avenue, either between # 71 & # 73, or between # 77 & # 81;
- 2. That staff follow through with the proper reviews and Ministry of Environment requirements in investigating the feasibility of the raised crosswalk; and
- 3. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to their findings as soon as possible."

Judith Avenue is a two lane, residential roadway with a 20.0 metre right-of-way and an existing speed limit of 50 km/h. There is an existing speed hump located on Judith Avenue south of Briarcliff Court. Judith Avenue also has painted road narrowings installed on the north/west sides of the roadway.

Staff proceeded with the Ministry of Environment Class Environmental Act requirements and conducted an initial public meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at the Dufferin-Clark Community Centre. This meeting was held to determine if the community would support the installation of a new raised crosswalk on Judith Avenue between Chelwood Drive and Bayhampton Crescent (south). Wade Gate Park is located on the west side of Judith Avenue. The area is shown in Attachment No. 1.

The Ward Councillor, Traffic staff and three local residents of Judith Avenue were in attendance. Traffic staff conducted a site review to determine the most appropriate location for a raised crosswalk. The two possible locations are:

- Between # 71 and # 73 Judith Avenue; or
- Between # 77 and # 81 Judith Avenue.

The resident at # 77 Judith Avenue stated that they would not support the installation of a raised crosswalk as this location is directly in front of their property.

A letter will be issued to the stakeholders of Judith Avenue between Chelwood Drive and Bayhampton Crescent (south). This letter will ask if the residents would support the installation of a raised crosswalk between # 71 and # 73 Judith Avenue due to the fact that they did not attend the public meeting on Wednesday November 15, 2006.

Traffic staff will follow up with a supplemental report in early 2007 with the response from the residents living on Judith Avenue near the proposed raised crosswalk at # 71 and # 73.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Conclusion

That this report be received for information.

Attachments

Location Map

Report prepared by:

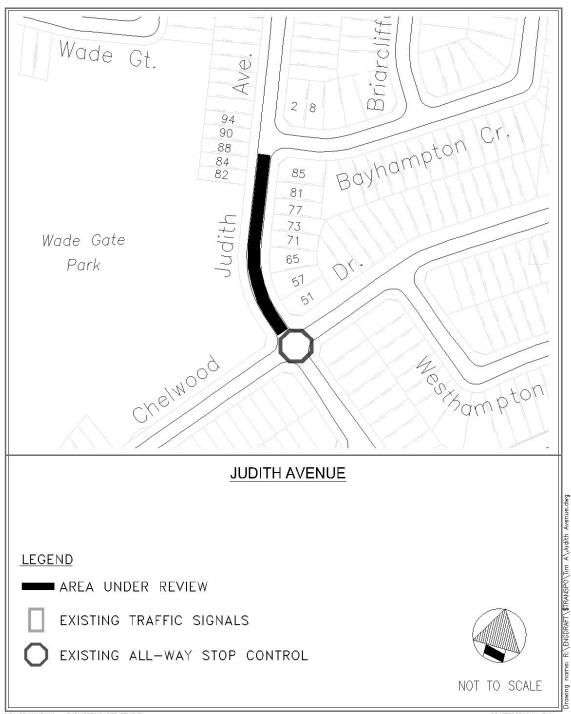
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ATTACHMENT No. 1



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