

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 22, 2007

MID-BLOCK CROSSING ON KEELE STREET, MAPLE

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Councillor Peter Meffe, recommend:

1. That the City of Vaughan Council requests the Transportation and Works Department of the Regional Municipality of York to review its current pedestrian crossing policy to allow opportunities for mid-block crossings; and
2. That the Transportation and Works Department of the Regional Municipality of York be requested to install, at its sole cost and expense, a mid-block crossing at 9929 Keele Street, between Major Mackenzie Drive and Barrhill Road, in the City of Vaughan.

Economic Impact

N/A

Purpose

To facilitate pedestrian access for the senior residents at 9916 and 9944 and Keele Street to the plaza located at 9929 Keele Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

The residents of 9916 and 9944 Keele Street, Maple, Ontario, expressed their concern in safely crossing Keele Street to access the retail outlets located at 9929 Keele Street. The majority of the residents are seniors with mobility restrictions rendering it difficult to utilize the pedestrian crossing signals located at the intersection of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive and/or Keele Street and Barrhill Road.

The retail outlets located at 9929 Keele Street are patronized by the residents of 9916 and 9944 Keele Street on a regular basis. A number of requests were made to our office by the residents desiring to access the retail outlets opposite their homes, seeking a remedy to facilitate a crossing opportunity. Our office requested the Regional Municipality of York to look into the possibility of a crossing at this location.

In response to the request of our office and the request of the residents of 9916 and 9944 Keele Street, staff of the Transportation and Works Department of the Regional Municipality of York conducted a survey on October 12, 2006 to obtain a pedestrian count at this location. The results of the survey were presented at a community meeting held on November 9, 2006. This meeting was attended by two staff personnel of the Transportation and Works Department of the Regional Municipality of York, along with the Local Councillor, Peter Meffe, and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and numerous residents of 9916 and 9944 Keele Street. Among the options explored to address the crossing issues as identified by the residents, was the amendment of the Regional policy with respect to locating crosswalks. Based on the outcome of the discussions, it was agreed that a formal request to the Regional Municipality of York would be made to amend its policy so that a safe crossing situation would be implemented to address the needs of these senior residents.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

That the recommendation above be approved in order to facilitate the possible implementation by the Regional Municipality of York of a mid-block crossing in the identified location.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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