

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 16, 2007

INTERSECTION OF CASTLEPARK BOULEVARD & COLLE MELITO WAY

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends stop signs be restored on Castlepark Boulevard at Colle Melito Way

Economic Impact

Nil

Communications Plan

Local Counillor will communicate all changes to area residences.

Purpose

To address the concerns of residents with respect to the recent changes in stop sign placement at this location.

Background - Analysis and Options

Castlepark Boulevard is unique in the City of Vaughan: it features a dual carriageway (for the first 150 m immediately north of Sonoma Boulevard), with a public parkette separating the two lanes, all of which are transected by a side street, Colle Melito Way. The boulevard was one of the earliest built in the Woodbridge Expansion Area, with first-time residents moving in around 2000. Until recently there were stop signs facing both directions of Castlepark at Colle Melito.

Recently, it was noted that Castlepark is in fact the collector roadway, and Colle Melito a tertiary street, with limited traffic, suggesting that the stopping of traffic along Castlepark--to accommodate vehicular traffic coming onto the street from Colle Melito---was in fact the reverse of what it should be. For that reason, the stop signs on Castlepark were removed, and double stop signs placed on Colle Melito, in both directions, where that street crosses Castlepark's divided lanes.

Effectively, this is an attempt to change the driving patterns of local residents as established over the past seven years, and is of considerable concern to area residents, a situation aggravated by another consideration---the principal features of the park are its decorative walls and coniferous trees which contribute to problematic sightlines for motorists approaching from *any* direction. That this is the case is confirmed by the placement of the Traffic Department of four oversized signs along Colle Melito, facing in both directions, warning CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP.

The simpler solution is to make the intersection a double four-way stop location, and this is what is being requested by several area residents, as well the chair of the Sonoma Heights Traffic Calming Committee, Phase 1 (see attachments)

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.

Regional Implications

Nil

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Council address the concerns of area residents regarding recent changes in the placement of stop signs at this location.

Attachments

Letters of area residents

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella

Cardile, Lucy

From: marlo raponi [raponsky@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 7:43 AM
To: Cardile, Lucy
Subject: letter of support

To whom it may concern,

as the Chairman of the Sonoma Heights Traffic Calming Committe, after conferring with the rest of the the Sonoma Heights Traffic committee Members, we support the motion put forward by councillor Tony Carella regarding the placement of the stop sign at Colle Melito.

Mario Raponi
Chairman
Sonoma Heights Traffic Calming Committee

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Cardile, Lucy

From: Dominique Janssens [d.janssens@bellnet.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 9:12 AM
To: Cardile, Lucy
Subject: Re: Castle Park Blvd. and Colle Melito Way Stop Sign

Attachments: d.janssens.vcf



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Lucy,

Thank you for the follow-up. Much appreciated.

I can tell you that I am not the only one on our street who doesn't like this change, even though staff thinks it is a better solution. The person who made the recommendation at the city should go over there and observe the flow of traffic himself. If this is the preferred solution now, how come it wasn't the case when the subdivision was being planned. What has changed since then, tell me? Two of my neighbours have expressed concerns as well, including one who was involved in an accident at that intersection that resulted in injury to her! Now we are being asked to stop not only once, but twice to cross the same intersection, that's insane. I can already see the police waiting to nab unlucky drivers who don't fully comply with the "STOP" signs. And that is really the crux of the matter: no matter where you put stop signs, people are always making running stops. I noticed it last night while waiting just outside the intersection and observed at least three cars not coming to a full stop, especially when making a right turn. The other major problem at that intersection are the little ornamental walls, that serve absolutely no purpose, but to block drivers' views, in particular drivers in regular cars, who have part of their view obstructed approaching the intersection. These walls should have been built further out and/or lower, by at least 4 ft lower.

I will write back to you "I told you so, ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT" THE DAY AFTER THE FIRST ACCIDENT AT THAT INTERSECTION. I am repeating myself: the people braking the law get it their way, since when? An education program that "STOP" means "STOP" is perhaps what the city should invest in. It only takes three seconds out of your journey, but you are erring on the side of safety.

Regards,

Mr. D. Janssens
Woodbridge,
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Cardile, Lucy wrote:
> Hi Mr. Janssens,
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Cardile, Lucy

From: NANCY COLOSIMO [ncolosimo@rogers.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2007 3:11 PM

To: Cardile, Lucy

Hi Lucy, my name is Nancy Colosimo, I have written to you before, about the parkette on Castle Park Blvd. I am not sure if you remember me. Well I am writing to you again because I have another concern, I am not sure if you are the one to write to, but I am going to try. There was a stop sign on the corner on Castle Park and Colle Melto, and now it is taken away, I am not sure why that happened , but I am very concerned about it. We have a lot of cars going very fast in that neighbourhood, and now without the stop sign it will be worse. We have children that play on that corner, and when the cars come from Sonoma and go to Napa Valley they go at fast speed, and now without a stop sign I am not sure how it will be. Please forward this to whoever is in charge. I know the whole neighbourhood feels the same as I do. Thank you.

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