

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007**

### **TRAFFIC REVIEW OF REGIONAL ROAD 7**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Bernie DiVona recommends:

1. That York Region Transportation and Works Department review the traffic volume, speed, accident history, and left turning signal on Regional Road No. 7 between Pine Valley Drive to Weston Road.

#### **Economic Impact**

N/A

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

Traffic review of Regional Road 7 is required due to the increase in traffic.

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

My office has received various complaints from residents using Regional Road 7 that they are concerned with the speed of vehicles and trucks. If the speed limits were lowered there would be fewer accidents.

With the opening of many new businesses on Regional Road 7 such as AMC and Colossus, the traffic has doubled and a review of the speed limits needs to be updated.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

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

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

Residents believe that a review of traffic related problems is needed.

#### **Attachments**

E-mail from concerned resident.

#### **Report prepared by:**

Councillor Bernie DiVona, ext. 8339

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie DiVona  
Councillor - Ward 3

**Bellicoso, Anna**

**Subject:** FW: Speed on Hwy #7 - Urgent Attention

- > From: DiVona, Bernie
- > Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 1:54 PM
- > To: 'Ottaviani, Giovanna'; Mayor and Members of Council;
- >> Cc: Bellicoso, Anna
- > Subject: RE: Speed on Hwy #7 - Urgent Attention
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- > I share your interest and concern with highway safety. Highway 7 ,
- > especially between Pine Valley Drive and Weston Road, has been
- > traditionally one of York Region's most unsafe roads. In fact, my wife
- > was rear ended one month ago at Weston Road and Highway 7 for the second
- > time.
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- > It is my role as a member of council to advise you that:
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- > 1. Highway 7 is owned and operated by the Regional Municipality of York
- > and not the City of Vaughan. So by copy of this email to the York Region
- > Members of Council,I would request to have them review this at York
- > Region to finally come to some sort of solution, including the
- > consideration of lowering the speeds on highway 7 as you both have
- > requested.
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- > 2. As a matter of public record, I will make another formal submission
- > at the City of Vauhgan Council for this review to be undertaken by York
- > Region. This is not my first attempt as, I, and my colleagues, have
- > received similar complaints now and in the past.
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- > I am confident that everyone will agree, the need for some benefits and
- > solutions is over due.
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- > People are dying and/or getting injured,and all we are told by the
- > Region of York is that they will "review" it.
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- > Options that have been submitted and rejected in the past include:
- > Lowering speeds, greater enforcement, turning signal at Aberdeen that
- > has been installed and not activated,double left turning signal north
- > bound at Weston Road have all been considered and never moved forward.
- > This is not intended to be a full list,but a means to improve road
- > safety. York Region has totally failed.
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- > 3. The York Region Traffic Master Plan needs to address these matters
- > with real options. It has to be more than an exercise on studies and
- > more on consultants. York Region has never denied or refused any
- > application that has resulted in the greater volume of traffic, in fact,
- > their policies are aimed at intenstificalton, so the responsibility to
- > help with this extremely important sensitive issue is real,and overdue.
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- > In closing, if you have any more direct or specific ideas please let me

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> know as the solution will undoubtedly be a combination of these and  
> others.  
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> Councillor Bernie DiVona  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Ottaviani, Giovanna [mailto:Giovanna.Ottaviani@tdsb.on.ca]  
> Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 11:24 AM  
> To: Bellicoso, Anna; DiVona, Bernie  
> Subject: Speed on Hwy #7 - Urgent Attention  
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> Dear Ms Bellicosa:  
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> I would like to know whom do I notify with a request to change the speed  
> on Hwy #7 as there have been many accidents causing death and it seems  
> to be increasing daily. There are many homes in the area than way  
> back then when it really seemed to be a highway and many people are  
> crossing the lights at Aberdeen/Pinevalley/Ansley Grove and the speed of  
> the vehicles and transport trucks are extremely fast. The speed is  
> still 70 kmh.  
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> Most importantly all types of vehicles are speeding and we as residents  
> do not see police presence in giving out speeding tickets. I feel if  
> police appearance is present people would reconsider their speed of  
> their vehicle.  
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> Also can you please send me the Mayor's email address  
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> Thank you for your anticipated cooperation herein.  
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> Giovanna Ottaviani  
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