

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007-

ROAD WATCH PROGRAM

Recommendation

The Safe City Committee recommends:

- 1) THAT the York Regional Road Watch Committee be requested to incorporate the internet address on all York Regional Road Watch signs;
- 2) That the City of Vaughan Legal Department investigates the opportunity to implement employee participation in the City of Vaughan Road Watch Program; and
- 3) That the Works Department be requested to install a "Road Watch" sign at the intersection of Wigwoss Drive and Monsheen Drive.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To advise Council of the Safe City Committee's recommendation regarding the Road Watch Program.

Background - Analysis and Options

- 1) On May 26, 2003, Council approved the establishment of a City of Vaughan Road Watch Program. Road Watch is a community-based initiative that gives residents and visitors an opportunity to report dangerous aggressive drivers to the police. The York Regional Road Watch Committee was struck comprising of representatives from each of the area municipalities, The Regional Municipality of York and York Regional Police. The current mandate of the Regional Road Watch Committee is to assist municipal Road Watch Committees by sharing information, promotional material, educational material and standardizing forms. At the York Regional Road Watch Committee meeting held on September 12, 2007, it was announced by the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board that the day to day operation of the Road Watch Program for all York Region Municipalities will be administered by the York Regional Watch Committee, commencing in the Spring of 2008. The official launch of the York Regional Road Watch Program is tentatively scheduled on April 17, 2008.
- 2) On April 2, 2007, Council adopted a recommendation brought forward by Councillor Di Vona requesting the Human Resources Department in consultation with the Legal Services Department and the Safe City Committee to provide a report with respect to the necessary and appropriate steps required to enhance the City's Road Watch Program.
- 3) At the Safe City Committee meeting on September 13, 2007, a member of the committee reported the current unsafe and aggressive driving practices at the intersection of Wigwoss Drive and Monsheen Drive and the committee recommended that a Road Watch sign be installed at that location.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council to serve our citizens and promote community safety, health and wellness.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

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Attachments

None

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