

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007

UPDATE OF DEFERRED TRAFFIC STUDY REVIEW: CLARENCE STREET BETWEEN MEETING HOUSE ROAD AND RUTHERFORD ROAD

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

- (1) That appropriate staff be directed to update the traffic study review of Clarence Street between Meeting House Road and Rutherford Road in light of any relevant changes in circumstances since the spring of 2004, when data which formed the basis of the report was first collected; and
- (2) That an updated traffic study review be brought forward for consideration by the Committee of the Whole no later than the end of February 2008.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To address the concerns of property owners along Clarence Street and in adjacent neighborhoods regarding traffic along Clarence Street.

Communication Plan

The local Councillor will inform residents that the traffic study that was conducted in 2004 is being updated, prior to its consideration by the Committee of the Whole in the new year.

Background - Analysis and Options

Item 17 of Report No. 63 of the Committee of the Whole---as adopted without amendment by Council on September 24, 2004---dealt with a traffic study review of Clarence Street between Meeting House Road and Rutherford Road. The recommendations of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, as detailed in the report, included the installation of two speed humps north of the intersection of Mounsey Street, including one in the vicinity of a Board of Trade Golf Course.

In light of concerns over the impact of these speed humps on the delivery of fire services from the Woodbridge Avenue station to Sonoma Height, via Clarence Street, Council deferred consideration of the report "...until Fire Station 79 is constructed". As Fire Station No. 79 is now built and fully operational, it is appropriate for Council to turn its attention to the deferred review.

However, the data collected---from March 29 to April 2, 2004---as part of the review is now some three and a half years old, and given that fact, it may no longer serve as the appropriate basis for any decisions in respect of this matter. Thus, the direction in this recommendation, that the data included in the review (traffic speeds and volumes, traffic counts, accident history, signage), be updated prior to a revised study being brought forward for consideration by the Committee of the Whole before the end of February 2008. In addition, the updated study should address any issues which have materialized in the years since the original study was done.

Regional Implications

Nil

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

It is appropriate that the factual basis of the deferred traffic study review be updated prior to Council considering this matter.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted

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