

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 16, 2008

ST. CLARE ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARKING CONTROL REVIEW - UPDATE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30 on both sides of Velmar Drive between the east and west property limits of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the 'No Stopping' prohibition signs would have an initial impact to the 2008 Operating Budget. There are sufficient funds available for this work. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be included in future Operating Budgets.

Communications Plan

Engineering Services staff will contact the residents within the prohibition limits and the School Representative to advise them of Council's decision in this matter.

Purpose

To receive feedback from the School Principal on the proposed implementation of a "No Stopping" prohibition on Velmar Drive in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School, in response to Council direction.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on May 26, 2008, Council considered Item 9, Report 27 of the Committee of the Whole concerning a recommendation to add a "No Stopping" prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30 on the south side of Velmar Drive between the east and west property limits of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Council directed:

"That this matter be referred to a future Committee of the Whole to allow this matter to be forwarded to St. Clare Elementary Catholic school and its Parent Council for comments."

Engineering Services staff contacted the School Principal to discuss this matter and to request a letter regarding their comments. Through discussion, the Principal agrees with the proposed stopping prohibition on the south side but would also like to include the stopping prohibition on the north side. The prohibition on the north side would assist in the traffic flow with their Kiss 'N' Ride pick up/drop off zone. Refer to the letter received from the School Principal Attachment No. 1.

The installation of a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Velmar Drive in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School will also allow emergency and other service vehicles less restricted movement in front of the school and reduce the amount of congestion during the time periods. Refer to the Committee of the Whole report from May 20, 2008 Attachment No. 2.

Engineering Services have no concerns or objections with the additional request to implement the stopping prohibition on the north side of Velmar Drive. The School Principal advised staff that they will encourage parents and students to utilize the existing school crosswalk at the intersection of Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place. Refer to Attachment No. 3 for the prohibition proposal.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

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

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review and discussion with the School Principal, it is recommended that 'No Stopping' prohibition signs with the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, be installed on both sides of Velmar Drive between the east and west property lines of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Enforcement Services Department have been advised of the change and will adjust enforcement activities accordingly on Velmar Drive in the vicinity of the St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Attachments

1. School Principal's Letter – May 27, 2008
2. Committee of the Whole Report – May 20, 2008
3. Location Map

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1



St. Clare Catholic School
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Tuesday May 27, 2008
 Attention: Mr. Dokeman
 Traffic Emergency Supervisor
 City of Vaughan

Dear Mr. Dokeman,

Further to our phone conversation please be advised that St. Clare Catholic Elementary School is in support of the parking prohibitions (or otherwise) being proposed on the south side of Velmar Drive across from the school. We are also in support of these prohibitions being implemented on the north side of Velmar Drive in order to help facilitate Kiss 'N' Ride traffic flow.

In order to address any safety related concerns with regards to these prohibitions the school will strongly encourage parents and students to make use of the existing crosswalk and Kiss 'N' Ride for pick up and drop off.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call us at (905) 856-6643.

Thanking you in advance for your continued attention to this matter.

Vince Garofalo
 Principal

R. LiTrenta
 Vice-Principal

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2008

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Economic Impact

The cost to install the 'No Stopping' prohibition signs would have an initial impact and will be absorbed in the 2008 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be included in future Operating Budgets.

Communications Plan

The Engineering Services staff will contact the residents within the prohibition limits and a School Representative to advise them of Council's decision in this matter.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of the implementation of a "No Parking/No Stopping" prohibition at St. Clare Elementary Catholic School, in response to Council direction.

Background - Analysis and Options

At it's meeting on February 4, 2008, Council directed:

- "1. That the Engineering Department review the installation of 'No Parking/No Stopping' signs only during school hours, specifically 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 at St. Clare Catholic School, 391 Velmar Drive;**
- 2. The By-law Enforcement Services be requested to provide enforcement of the parking activity on Velmar Drive in the vicinity of St. Clare Catholic School; and**
- 3. That the recommendation be brought forward to a future Committee of the Whole meeting".**

Velmar Drive is a feeder roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way and an existing posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There are two speed humps installed on Velmar Drive; one is installed between Santa Barbara Place and Radley Street and the other is installed east of Woolacott Road. There is an existing crossing guard on the east side of Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place. Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place is under all-way stop control; and St. Clare Elementary Catholic School is located on the north side between Velmar Drive/Santa Barbara Place and Velmar Drive/Woolacott Road. Refer to Attachment No.1.

Staff conducted a parking review on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 during the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:00 am, and on Wednesday March 5, 2008 during the time periods of 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School. The weather on these two days was cloudy and the roads were dry. Observations show that vehicles were parked along Velmar Drive on both sides of the roadway in front of the school during the study time periods. Vehicles were parking/stopping, and blocking part of the residential driveways on the south side in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Velmar Drive is an emergency response route and has a road width of 11.5 metres. When vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway, the available travel width is about 5.5 metres between the parked/stopped vehicles. It allows enough space for vehicles to travel in one direction on the roadway and also they would impact the movement of emergency and other service vehicles in front of the school. The parked/stopped vehicles create sightline problems for drivers and pedestrians in this area.

Stopping prohibitions are different than Parking prohibitions as indicated below;

1. "Stop" or "Stopping" when prohibited means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or except in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control signal or sign.
2. "Park" or "Parking" prohibited means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

The installation of a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Velmar Drive in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School will allow emergency and other service vehicles less restricted movement in front of the school and reduce the amount of congestion during the time periods.

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Conclusion

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Attachments

1. Location Map

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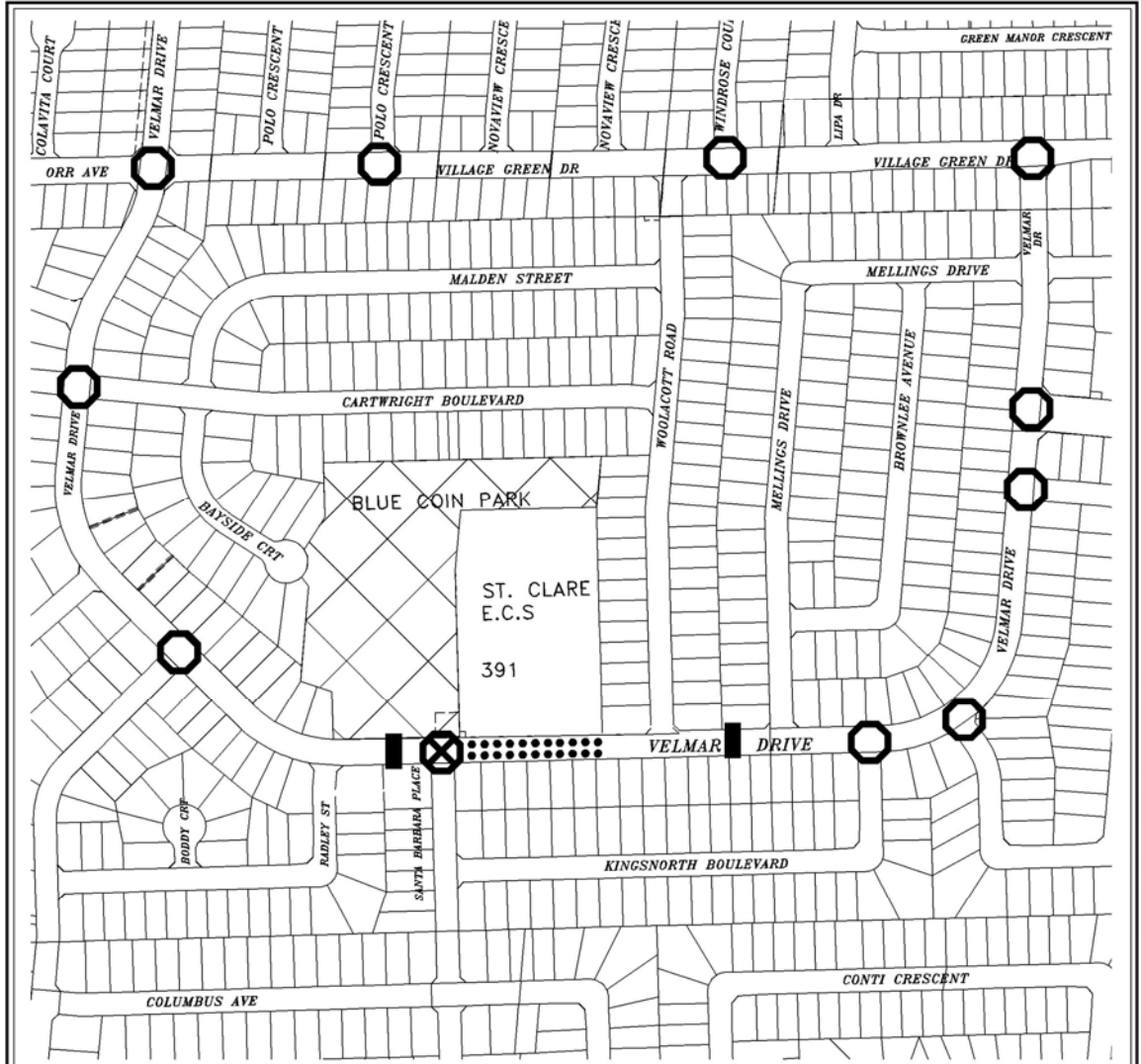
Respectfully submitted,

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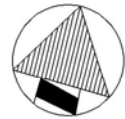
ATTACHMENT No. 3



ST. CLARE E.C.S - 391 VELMAR DRIVE PARKING CONTROL REVIEW

LEGEND

-  SPEED HUMP
-  ALLWAY STOP
-  SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING
-  PROPOSED STOPPING PROHIBITION



NOT TO SCALE

