

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 6, 2008

REQUEST FOR THE REINSTALLATION OF THE STOP SIGN AT AUTUMN HILL BLVD AND CHAGALL DRIVE/SANDWOOD DRIVE

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That the all-way stop sign at Autumn Hill Blvd and Chagall Drive/Sandwood Drive be reinstated; and,
2. That the attached petition from the area residents be received.

Economic Impact

Cost of installation of the signage

Communications Plan

Staff would send out a notice to local residents informing them of the reinstallation.

Background - Analysis and Options

When a subdivision is constructed, the accepted practice is to place stop signs at the minor streets only, then conduct the necessary studies to determine if certain intersections warrant all way stop control based on traffic/pedestrian volume. The intent is to prevent too many unwarranted all way stops from being installed, and ensures that all way stops are placed only where required according to the Ontario Traffic Manual standards.

Occasionally, developers place stop signs without regard for the warrants; in this case, an all-way stop sign was placed at Autumn Hill Blvd and Chagall Drive. The traffic studies conducted by staff in April 2008 showed that the warrants were not met and the all-way stop signs were subsequently removed in accordance with accepted practice.

The community came forward with a petition (see attached) to ask the City to reinstate the all-way stop signs at Chagall/Sandwood when it was initially removed as it gave them peace of mind. Given the long stretch of roadway and number of intersections between all-way stops on Autumn Hill, and taking into consideration the configuration of roadway and locations of current existing all-way stop controls, (shown on Attachment 1), it is preferable to reintroduce the all-way stop at Chagall/Sandwood to control traffic along this section of roadway.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The area has been looked over by staff recently, and there is no visibility issue or grading issue, therefore, reinstating the signs is a possibility. In response to concerns outlined by the area residents, in order to maintain community safety, it is recommended that staff reinstate the stop sign at Autumn Hill Blvd and Chagall Drive/Sandwood Drive.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Petition

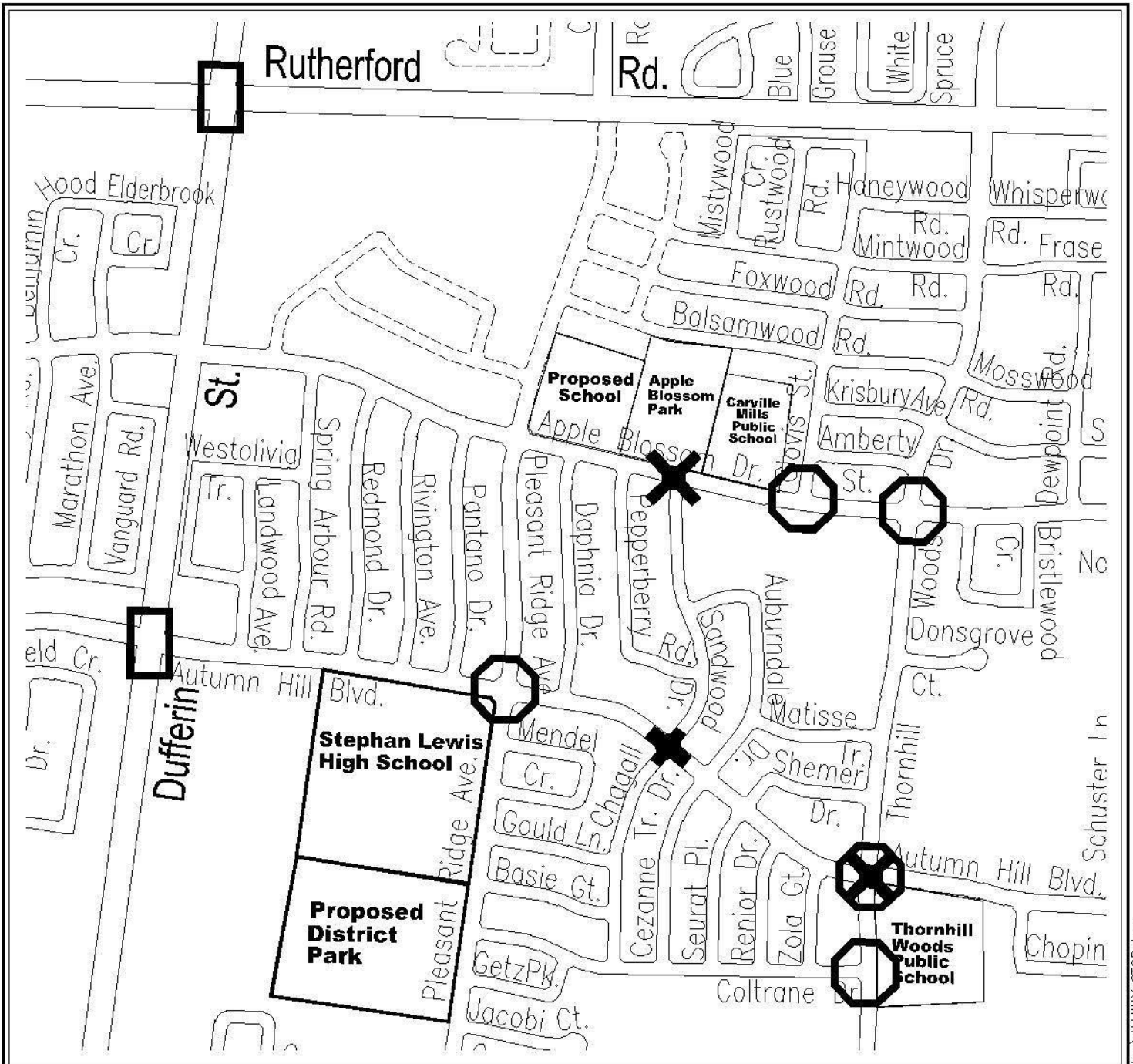
Report prepared by:

Anita Micoli, Council Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor, Ward 4

ATTACHMENT No. 1



REQUEST FOR ALLWAY STOP


AUTUMN HILL AND SANDWOOD/CHAGALL TRAIL

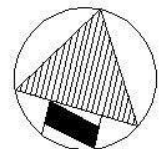
LEGEND

 INTERSECTION UNDER REVIEW

 EXISTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

 EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS

 EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL



NOT TO SCALE

ATTACHMENT 2

September 25, 2008

Dear Councillor Racco,

I am attaching the petition with local residents' names and telephone numbers. These people would like to see the all way stop re-installed at Autumn Hill Blvd. and Chagall Drive / Sandwood Drive.

I understand that the study that your engineering department concluded that the traffic coming out of Chagall Drive and Sandwood Drive is not heavy enough to warrant an all way stop.

Please understand that this is not about the traffic, it is about the pedestrians who are attempting to cross Autumn Hill, sidewalk to sidewalk, and should be allowed to do so in a safe manner.

This is not the case and it is dangerous to do so.

The speed of the traffic travelling along Autumn Hill, combined with the blind curve in the road, causes a hazard and is dangerous for pedestrians when attempting to cross Autumn Hill.

As you mentioned during our telephone conversation of last Tuesday, you will be presenting our case with this petition at the upcoming Committee of the Whole, on Monday, September 28, 2008

Please make sure that this item is in fact added to the agenda so that you can represent and support our claims.

Sincerely,
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NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Agenda Item No.: 35

Item Name: REQUEST FOR REINSTALLATION OF THE STOP SIGN AT AUTUMN HILL BLVD. AND CHAGALL DRIVE / SANDWOOD DRIVE

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: _____

No. of Signatures: 34

Submitted by: Councillor Yeung Racco

For a copy of the petition contact:

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