

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 3, 2008

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS LANGSTAFF ROAD AND BALDING BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio recommends:

THAT the Regional Municipality of York be requested to undertake a traffic review on the feasibility to install traffic signals at the intersection of Langstaff Road and Balding Boulevard in the City of Vaughan.

Economic Impact

The cost for the installation of Traffic Control Signals at the intersection of Langstaff Road and Balding Boulevard would follow the current Region of York's Policy, whereby traffic control signal costs for installation and maintenance costs are borne by the local municipality until such time that the traffic signal meets the warrant as outlined in Book 12 of the Ontario Traffic Manual. The municipal section of the Region's policy requires a minimum of 70% of the warrant to be met.

Communications Plan

To this point, the Region of York has been previously requested to install traffic control signals at the subject intersection in 2005. The minimal warrant requirements were not met at that time.

Purpose

To obtain the Regional Municipality of York's approval for the installation of traffic signals at the Langstaff/Balding Boulevard intersection.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2005, the Regional Municipality of York conducted studies to determine if signalization of the Langstaff/Balding intersection was warranted. Results indicated that signalization was not warranted; however, area residents are still concerned about the difficulty of accessing Langstaff Road from Balding Boulevard, particularly during peak hours. As well, the need to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians has been voiced.

The installation of full traffic signals at this intersection would ensure safer vehicular access to Langstaff Road and would provide a safe location for pedestrians to cross Langstaff. Installation of a vehicle detector loop on Balding Boulevard would allow for a constant green signal for Langstaff Road traffic and would only trigger a red signal on Langstaff when a vehicle on Balding is waiting for access to Langstaff.

Signal installation would be completed by the Region of York and be paid for by the City of Vaughan should the Warrant for the installation of Traffic Control Signals meet at least 70% as per the Region's current Traffic Control Signal policy.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in:

- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;

- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness; and
- Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability

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

Regional Implications

The determination for installation of Traffic Control Signals at the intersection of Langstaff Road and Balding Boulevard would be the responsibility and decision of the Region of York. The Region's current Traffic Control Signal policy will be followed.

Conclusion

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Attachments

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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