

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date: APRIL 3, 2012 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Title: PROPOSED ALL WAY STOP AT HUNTERWOOD CHASE AND GIORGIA CRESCENT

/ CELESTE DRIVE

Submitted by: Councillor Marilyn lafrate

Whereas, Hunterwood Chase is a two lane, local road, starting on Dufferin Street and ending at Athabasca Drive, and

Whereas, there are currently no all-way stop controls at the intersection of Hunterwood Chase and Giorgia Crescent/Celeste Drive, and

Whereas, residents of the surrounding area (Celeste Drive, Giorgia Crescent, Antonini Court, Germana Place) have submitted a petition in November 2011 calling for an all-way stop at Hunterwood Chase and Giorgia Crescent/Celeste Drive, and

Whereas, the Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers Association has submitted a letter requesting the all-way stops on January 31, 2012, and

Whereas, there is a school bus stop for student pick up at Hunterwood Chase and Giorgia Crescent and a school bus stop for student drop off at Hunterwood Chase and Celeste Drive.

It is therefore recommended that all-way stop controls be installed at Hunterwood Chase and Giorgia Crescent/Celeste Drive to provide safe crossing for school bus drop off and pick up and safe access to surrounding residents crossing Hunterwood Chase.

Respectfully submitted.

Marilyn lafrate

Attachments

Petition from Local Residents Letter from Mackenzie Ridge Rate Payers' Association Area Map Petition
Thursday November 17th, 2011
We the undersigned are in favour of all way stop
at the corner of Athabasca Drive and Hunterwood Chase

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City of Vaughan – Councilor Marilyn Iafrate 2141 Major MacKenzie Dr Maple, ON L6A 1T1

Re: All way stop sign at the corner of Giorgia Cres / Celeste Drive and Hunterwood Chase

Dear Councilor Infrate:

We represent the interests and concerns of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association. The association is in favour of placing an all way stop sign at the corner of Giorgia Cres / Celeste Drive and Hunterwood Chase. We have already gathered and submitted to you in November 2011, a petition signed by those living in the MacKenzie Ridge area and the surrounding neighborhood who are in favour of the stop sign. There are four main reasons for having this all way stop sign at this intersection, which will significantly contribute to the overall safety of the neighborhood.

- 1. There is a school bus stop at the corner of Giorgia Crescent / Celeste Drive and Hunterwood Chase. Children's safety is a concern due to vehicles exceeding the speed limit, illegally driving using hand-held devices, and passing school buses with flashing lights. This has been witnessed on several occasions by neighbours and bus drivers. An all way stop would have the effect of stopping traffic. This will add to the safety of the children boarding and exiting the bus as well as crossing the street due to traffic having to regularly stop at this intersection.
- 2. The traffic along Hunterwood Chase is quite heavy during morning and afternoon rush hour. Those from outside the neighbourhood use Hunterwood Chase as an alternative to Dufferin Street going south in the morning and north in the evening, often exceeding the speed limit by traveling between 60 to 80 KM per hour. Therefore, the all way stop sign would have the effect of slowing down the increased flow.
- 3. There have already been accidents due to the hill and curve south east of the intersection. Again, due to unsafe driving that often is associated with exceeding the speed limit and other related issues, vehicles have hit the curb and ended up on people's lawn or colliding into the mailbox south/east of the intersection.
- 4. Overall, safety issues and traffic calming is necessary along Hunterwood Chase, as there are no all way stops anywhere on this street. Generally, the police have already had to pull over vehicles. Neighbours have noted problems with safety and related issues that an all way stop will be able to address.

In summary, our association supports an all way stop at the corner of Giorgia Cres / Celeste Drive and Hunterwood Chase for the four main reasons noted above. Please let us know the steps necessary to ensure an all way stop can be placed at this intersection as soon as possible. Also let us know the overall timelines

Sincerely,

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LOCATION MAP 21.5



All Way Stop Celleste Drive and Hunterwood Chase

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Current All-Way Stop



Proposed All-Way Stop

Note; Aerial photography acquired in spring, 2011

