

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 7, 2001**

### **FOREST DRIVE/BAINBRIDGE AVENUE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

#### Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services recommends:

1. That this report be received for information purposes;
2. That funds for the implementation of the proposed traffic calming measures, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, be drawn from the Traffic Calming fund in the Year 2001 Capital Budget.

#### Background

At its meeting on June 26, 2000, Council directed that a Traffic Calming Committee be established to review traffic operations in the Forest Drive area in Woodbridge.

#### Traffic Calming Plan – General

The proposed traffic calming plan was prepared by the Forest Drive/Bainbridge Avenue Traffic Committee, with the assistance of staff, in an attempt to address traffic speed concerns within the community. The area is bounded by Forest Drive to the north and east, Martin Grove Road and Coronation Street to the west, and Woodbridge Avenue to the south, as shown on Attachment No. 1.

Speed humps have been proposed at two locations within the Forest Drive/Bainbridge Avenue neighbourhood. Staff have undertaken field reviews to determine the actual locations that are feasible (refer to Attachment No. 1). Speed humps can be placed at the following locations:

- On the north-south section of Forest Drive between #152 and #156; and,
- On the east-west section of Forest Drive, east of #451 and the hydro corridor.

The plan also proposes removal of the allway stop control on Forest Drive at Attorneys Lane, to be replaced by stop control on Attorneys Lane only.

The north-south section of Forest Drive, where one speed hump is proposed, is currently a bus route. York Region Transit, Vaughan Operations, have expressed some concerns with the possible effects of speed humps on transit buses. The Engineering Department will monitor the impacts of the speed hump on ride comfort and bus maintenance, and in consultation with Transit assess their suitability on future bus routes.

#### Public Participation

The initial public information meeting for the Forest Drive/Bainbridge Avenue neighbourhood was held on November 8, 2000. At that meeting, the residents had an opportunity to express their concerns and form a traffic committee. Staff outlined what traffic calming is and the associated measures and explained the City's Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedure.

A final meeting was held on February 22, 2001, where staff and the traffic committee introduced the traffic calming proposals for their neighbourhoods to area residents. A flyer describing the Traffic Calming Plan proposal was prepared and distributed to the residents in the area.

#### Agency Circulation

The proposed traffic calming plan was circulated to the following agencies for comment:

- City of Vaughan Fire Department;
- City of Vaughan Public Works;
- York Regional Police;
- Canadian Waste Services Inc.;
- Nobleton Ambulance Services;
- Peel Ambulance Services;
- Region of York Transportation and Works Department;
- York Region Board of Education; and,
- York Region Roman Catholic S.S.

To date staff have not received a response from the above agencies.

#### Financial Implications

The approved Year 2001 Capital Budget amount for the Traffic Calming fund is \$1.6 million. The Forest Drive/Bainbridge Avenue Traffic Committee is the first traffic committee proposed this year.

#### Conclusion

The Engineering Department supports and recommends for approval the Forest Drive/Bainbridge Avenue traffic calming plan. The estimated cost of \$10,000 for the project includes all taxes, contingency allowance and associated traffic signs and pavement markings.

FRANK MIELE  
Commissioner of Development Services

Bill Robinson, P. Eng.  
Director of Engineering

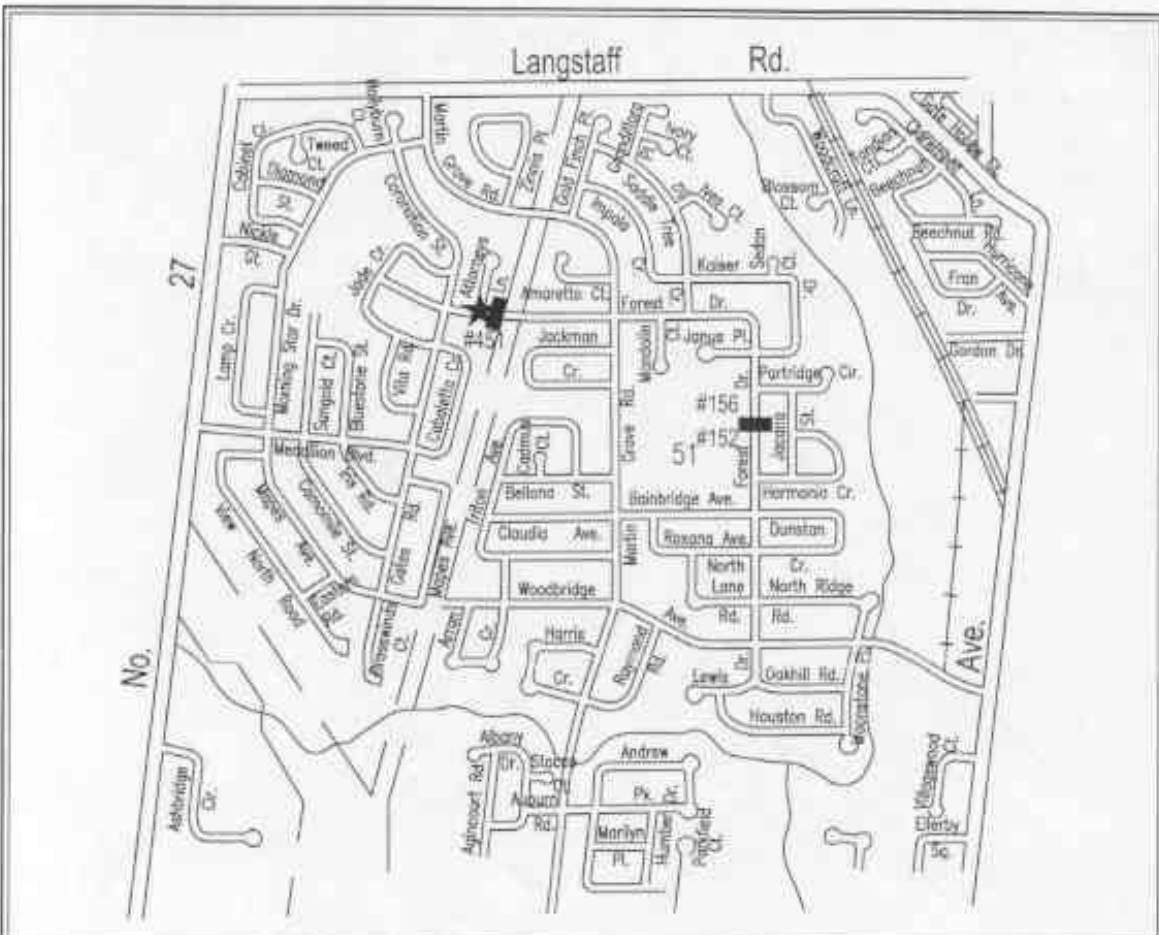
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#### Attachment

1. Location Map

# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## FOREST DRIVE, BANBRIDGE AVENUE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### LEGEND

- ★ PROPOSED REMOVAL OF ALLWAY STOP CONTROL
- PROPOSED SPEED HUMP



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