

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AUGUST 20, 2001

**PINE YORK AVENUE AT PINE VALLEY DRIVE
PROPOSED NO U-TURN SIGN**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services & Public Works recommends:

That a "No U-Turn" sign be installed at the west end of the centre median on Pine York Avenue at its intersection with Pine Valley Drive.

Purpose

This item is in response to a request for increased police enforcement, and a "No U-Turn" sign on Pine York Avenue, to address safety concerns at the intersection of Pine Valley Drive and Strada Drive/Pine York Avenue.

Background - Analysis and Options

A resident in the vicinity reported that many westbound motorists on Strada Drive turning left onto Pine Valley Drive are doing so illegally from the westbound through lane. Many other motorists proceed through the intersection, make a U-turn on Pine York Avenue, and then head south on Pine Valley Drive. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for the intersection location. These movements can create a safety hazard for motorists proceeding eastbound, and for pedestrians crossing the intersection.

Staff initially contacted the Region of York to determine if they would be willing to alter the signal timings at the intersection to provide more green time for westbound motorists so that they would not be tempted to make these movements. The Region responded that they would look into the matter.

Staff conducted a traffic count at the intersection on July 11, 2001, to determine the extent of the problem. It was found that between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 pm, 7 motorists made the illegal westbound left turn, and 65 motorists made a U-turn on Pine York Avenue. Accordingly, staff recommend that a "No U-Turn" sign be installed to prevent motorists from proceeding through the intersection and making a U-turn on Pine York Avenue. Staff have also requested that York Regional Police provide more enforcement to deter motorists from making illegal westbound left turns from the through lane on Strada Drive.

Conclusion

Staff recommend the above-noted measures in response to concerns expressed by a local resident about unsafe vehicle movements at the intersection of Pine Valley Drive and Strada Drive/Pine York Avenue.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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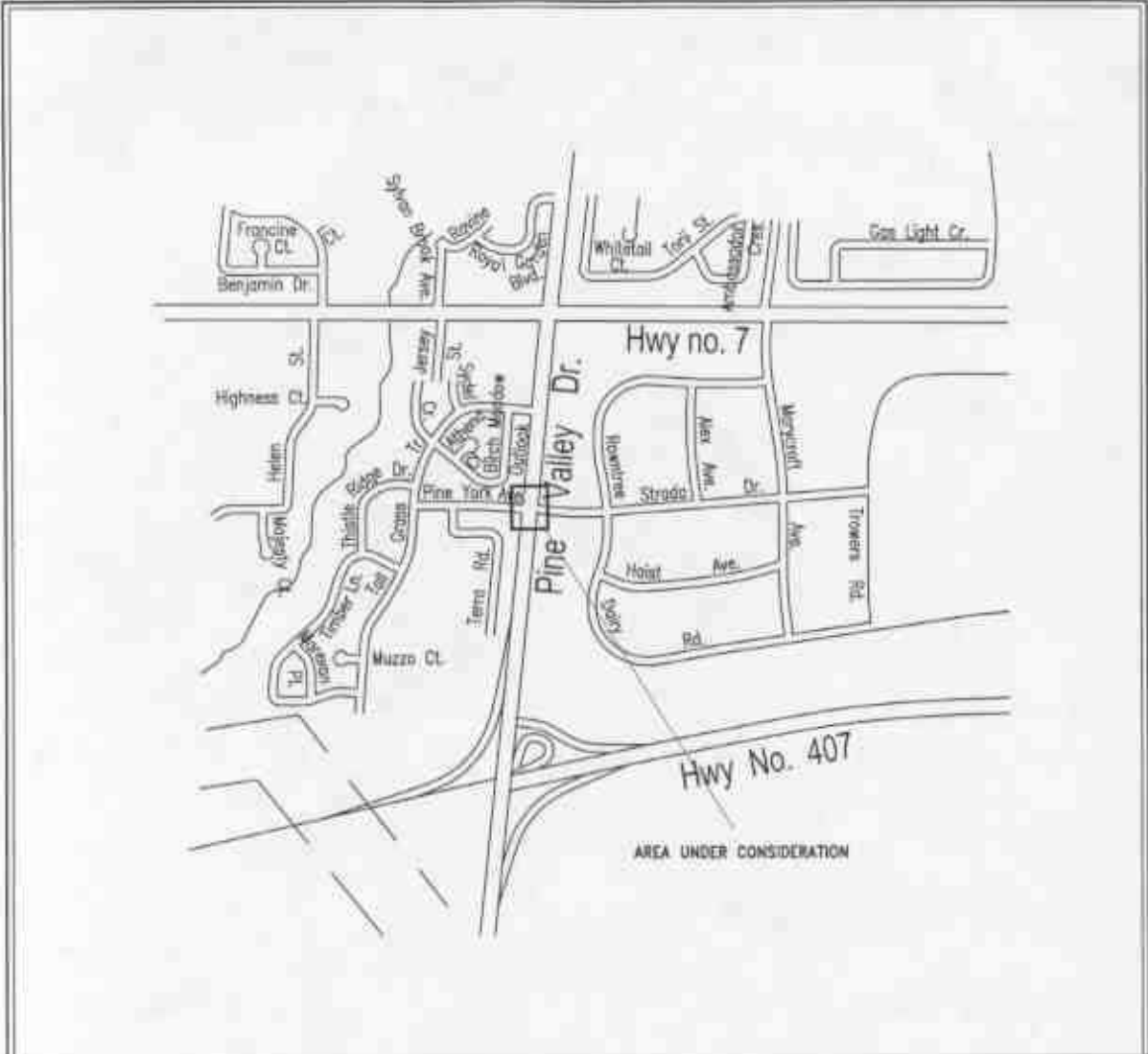
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ATTACHMENT No. 1



U-TURN SIGN

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