

**VELMAR DRIVE/BLACKBURN BLVD ALLWAY STOP CONTROL**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Bernie DiVona recommends:

The City of Vaughan receives the petition from 201 residents of Velmar Drive and surrounding area.

That the City of Vaughan re-install an allway stop sign at Velmar Drive at Blackburn Blvd.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Residents having attended a community meeting on November 29, 2001 expressed strong support of stop signs on Velmar Drive.

When this matter came to Vaughan Council in June, 2002, it was expressed by myself that the allway stop signs should remain except one stop sign to be removed at Velmar Drive and Flushing. Further, a review of residents concerns at the public meetings very clearly expressed support of allway stop signs. City of Vaughan Engineering Dept. traditionally have not supported allway stop control and expressed their removal. It was my understanding that while the City of Vaughan Engineering Dept. did not support the allway stop signs, that the removal would be based on public desire after review of the minutes and records. A petition has been received signed by 201 residents in support of the allway stop sign at this key location in the vicinity of an elementary school and park.

Residents have expressed that a stop sign at Velmar Drive at Blackburn Blvd, be reinstated for the following reasons:

1. Safety of residents, especially seniors crossing Velmar Drive. The location is very close to Blue Coin Park and St. Clare Catholic Elementary School.
2. The stop signs acts as a "buffer" and assistance to the community safety zone.
3. Residents have fought hard to gain the stop sign as they have had difficulty with traffic, speeding, and the access to their driveways.

**Conclusion**

An allway stop sign at Velmar Drive and Blackburn Blvd. be installed.

**Attachments**

Petition from 201 residents to be provided to Members of Council.

**Report prepared by:**

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Di Vona