

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 7TH, 2002,

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT ON REGIONAL ROAD

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends:

1. That the Regional of York be requested to proceed immediately with design and installation of traffic light at Islington/Kiloran intersection.
2. That the City of Vaughan pay to the Region, the up front cost of the installation.
3. That the Region repay the City of the Vaughan the above cost when the warrants are met and Islington is widened.

Purpose

To provide traffic lights at the said intersection to facilitate traffic movement.

Background

Residents within the neighbourhood have been asking for traffic lights at this intersection for a long period of time (2 years). The Region has advised that the provincial standard warrants are not met and such being a "T" intersection the warrant requirements are higher.

We are also advised by the Regional Commissioner of Transportation & Works that the warrants will probably be met by next year. In such case funds would go in the Region 2004 Budget. This is too long of a period to wait. Access from Kiloran into Islington is difficult at best of times due to the continues traffic flow on Islington. At times there are long lines of cars trying to access Islington particularly during rush hours.

In my discussion with Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation, York Region, he suggested that our request would be entertained and a favourable report would be presented at the next Transportation & Works Committee Meeting for consideration.

Conclusion

It is therefore, requested that this advance funding be approved and have signalization installed as soon as possible – (refer to the Resolution of May 30th, 2001 where a similar request was made.)

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati, Regional Councillor

Attachments

1. Minutes of May 30th, 2001, meeting
2. Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Bottos

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2001

Item 15, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 30, 2001.

15 REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON REGIONAL ROADS

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Regional Councillor Di Biase, dated May 22, 2001:

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to proceed immediately with the design and installation of traffic signals at the following intersections on Regional Roads:
 - Dufferin Street/Dufferin Hills Drive
 - Islington Avenue/Wycliffe Gate/Arista Gate
 - Islington Avenue/Thistlewood Avenue
 - Keele Street/Knightswood Avenue
 - Rutherford Road/Confederation Parkway
 - Rutherford Road/Babak Boulevard
2. That the City of Vaughan pay to the Region, the up front cost of \$60,000 per signal installation.
3. That the Region of York be requested to repay the City of Vaughan the up front cost of each signal installation at the time when the Region of York determines, from its regular intersection traffic signal warrant analysis, that signals at the above intersections are technically warranted.

Background

With increasing volumes of traffic on Regional Roads and the travel speed of such traffic, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to drive on to these roads from their subdivisions. The Region of York is responsible for traffic management and control on Regional Roads including the intersections of regional and local roads.

The Region's Transportation and Works Department conducts traffic counts at intersections on the Regional Road systems in order to manage the road network. These intersections counts are used to determine if traffic activity at the intersections meets the warrants for the installation of traffic signals. Counts conducted on a regular basis allow the Region to determine when a signal may be warranted and to schedule the installation of signals through its capital works program.

Although installation of a traffic signal at a particular intersection may not be technically warranted, residents are requesting signals so that they may safely enter traffic on Regional Roads during the peak hours. The following is a listing of these intersections where the foregoing concern is most prevalent. Also shown is the ranking for signal installation from the Region's Non Signalized Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis:

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| • Dufferin Street/Dufferin Hills Drive | Not Ranked |
| • Islington Avenue/Wycliffe Gate/Arista Gate | Rank 55 |
| • Islington Avenue/Thistlewood Avenue | Rank 65 |
| • Keele Street/Knightswood Avenue | Rank 40 |

- Rutherford/Confederation Parkway Not Ranked
- Rutherford Road/Babak Boulevard Rank 75

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As traffic volumes increase or in some cases, where additional development occurs and further local road connections are made to the above intersections, it is expected that the warrants for signal installation will be met. Accordingly to advance the signal installation, it is proposed that the Region be requested to design and install the signals now at the City's cost. Since the signals would normally be installed and paid for by the Region when warranted, the Region should be requested to reimburse the City when the signals are technically warranted.

The timing of the reimbursement would be identified through the Region's regular intersection traffic signal warrant analysis.

Attachments

1. Location Map

Report prepared by:

Michael Di Biase, Regional Councillor

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Councillor Gino Rosati and
Councillor Linda Jackson,
City of Vaughan.

Dear Councillors Rosati and Jackson,

RE: TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT KILORAN AND ISLINGTON

The residents of the Wycliffe Subdivision have been begging for traffic lights at the above intersection for over two years now. Initially, when I began requesting traffic counts in the Fall of 2000, I was told by the Region that lights had been approved for Islington Avenue and Arista Gate. When it became clear that traffic lights were not warranted at Arista Gate, and in fact, there were fewer cars trying to enter and exit the Arista Gate subdivision than the Wycliffe Subdivision, the plan to place lights at Arista Gate was abandoned. The traffic count for Islington/Kiloran concluded that lights were not warranted because it is a t-intersection which requires a doubling of the number of vehicles when calculating whether it meets the warrant. Notwithstanding our pleas, nothing has been done for us.

I have recently noticed that traffic lights have been installed and are operating at the intersection of Babak and Rutherford, and at Napa Valley and Islington, both of which are t-intersections. I requested a copy of the traffic counts for both intersections. To my surprise, I have discovered that there are no traffic counts and the Region would not install the lights at Babak, so the City of Vaughan paid for them. Now I discover that the City of Vaughan also is prepared to pay for the lights at Arista Gate and this issue is on the agenda for approval at the Regional Transportation meeting on October 2, 2002. Apparently the request by the City of Vaughan to pay for the Arista lights was made November 28, 2001. I cannot believe that all the time we were asking for your assistance, you were busy making arrangements to finance the installation of lights for Arista Gate and Babak and not Kiloran.

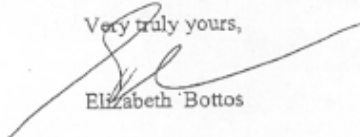
Any reasonable person counting the cars at Babak/Rutherford, Arista/Islington and Kiloran/Islington would conclude that based on traffic and road considerations and

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given the scarce resources that appear to be available for lights, the City of Vaughan should have requested lights at Kiloran at the City's expense. I might add that it also boggles my mind to see the number of traffic lights that the City of Vaughan could afford to intall in the area of Strada Road and Trowers etc.

I guess I have only one question - what is it about the intersection of Arista Gate/Islington that makes it warrant the expenditure of municipal funds for lights that the intersection of Kiloran/Islington does not have?

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth Bottos