

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 21, 2004**

### **SIDEWALK SAFETY BARRIER NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY #7 FROM ISLINGTON AVENUE TO LANSDOWNE AVENUE**

#### **Recommendation**

Local and Regional Councillor Linda Jackson recommends:

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility, cost and timing of implementation for extending the existing sidewalk safety barrier (currently located on the north side of Highway #7 between Islington Avenue and the CN bridge) to Lansdowne Avenue, and

That staff be directed to report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting in September 2004 with their findings.

#### **Purpose**

To promote healthy living by providing safe pedestrian access to City of Vaughan facilities, thus enabling students from Woodbridge Public School to walk to their year-round, daytime skating and swimming programmes at Woodbridge Memorial Pool and Arena.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The school administration of Woodbridge Public School has made this request through Local and Regional Councillor Jackson. Their objective is to promote healthy living and ensure the safety of their students. The students of this school use the pool and rink facilities at Woodbridge Memorial Pool and Arena twice per week between the months of September and June. The new school building is scheduled for completion in September 2005. Students will be housed at a separate location until the new school opening.

Region of York staff has confirmed that this safety barrier, although located along a Regional road, forms part of the "sidewalk" and is therefore the responsibility of the local municipality. They have indicated that the City of Vaughan would be required to obtain the necessary design approvals from York Region, as well as, enter into a commitment to an encroachment agreement with York Region, outlining the City's commitment to pay the capital and maintenance costs and saving York Region harmless from all perils.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

Extending the existing sidewalk safety barrier on Highway #7 from Islington Avenue to Lansdowne Avenue will ensure delivery of quality services through ease of access to City of Vaughan facilities.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

#### **Conclusion**

The foregoing will promote healthy living by providing safe pedestrian access to City of Vaughan facilities, thus enabling students from Woodbridge Public School to walk to their year-round, daytime skating and swimming programmes at Woodbridge Memorial Pool and Arena.

#### **Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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