

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

**SHERWOOD PARK DRIVE – TURNING RESTRICTION**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a “No Left Turn” regulation between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am for northbound traffic at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive; and
2. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a “No Left Turn” regulation between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm for northbound traffic at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive; and
3. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing “No Right Turn” regulation between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 am for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Rutherford Road and Sherwood Park Drive; and
4. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing “No Right Turn” regulation between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm for eastbound traffic at the intersection of Rutherford Road and Sherwood Park Drive; and
5. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to their findings as soon as possible.

**Purpose**

To control through traffic issues on Sherwood Park Drive.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Residents have indicated that between the peak traffic hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm numerous through traffic vehicles cut through Sherwood Park Drive in order to avoid the Keele Street and Rutherford Road intersection. Staff at the Region of York did indicate that they would adjust the signal timings at the Keele Street and Rutherford Road intersection to try to accommodate more left-turning vehicles at this intersection; however, staff at the Region also stated that this intersection is almost at capacity and any signal timing adjustment would not have much of an impact. Staff at the Region sent a letter dated April 6, 2004 to the City of Vaughan requesting that an infiltration study be completed in order to evaluate the need for a turning restriction at this location.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

- 1.1.3 Identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety.

This report is consistent with priorities previously set by Council.

**Conclusion**

In response to concerns outlined by area residents, and in order to maintain community safety, it is recommended that staff review the need for the above-mentioned "No Left Turn" turning restriction at the specified location during the subject times.

**Attachments**

1. Letter from Nelson Costa at the Region of York.

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Respectfully submitted,

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April 6, 2004

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Dear Mr. Dokman:

**Re: Traffic Infiltration on Sherwood Park Drive  
City of Vaughan  
File No. T09 GVA**

This letter is in respect to a telephone call received by Regional staff from a resident of the residential development located on the south-west corner of Keele Street and Rutherford Road. The resident has concerns regarding traffic infiltrating onto Sherwood Park Drive from Keele Street and Rutherford Road, in the City of Vaughan.

During peak periods, motorists traveling eastbound on Rutherford Road and northbound on Keele Street are "short cutting" using Sherwood Park Drive to avoid the intersection of Rutherford Road and Keele Street.

Regional staff are currently reviewing the signal timings at the intersection. Also, the City of Vaughan has been requested to survey the local residents for their endorsement of a "No Left Turn" regulation, for northbound traffic at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive and a "No Right Turn" regulation, for westbound traffic at the intersection of Rutherford Road and Sherwood Park Drive.

Should you have any further questions or comments, please contact me at 905-895-1200, extension 5251 or Zoran Postic, Supervisor, Traffic Safety at extension 5212.

Sincerely,

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