

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 18, 2004

ENSURING SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN THE VICINITY OF ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that staff conduct a traffic study of the intersection of Sonoma Boulevard and Castillian Drive, to establish whether stops signs and a crosswalk are warranted across Sonoma Boulevard and Castillian Drive at this location

Purpose

To assess the need for a stop sign at this intersection

Background - Analysis and Options

Sonoma Boulevard is a principal thoroughfare running west from Islington Avenue into the so-called Woodbridge Expansion Area, with a 4-way signed intersection at Forest Fountain Drive. As St. Andrew's School is located south of this intersection, a crossing guard is posted here (with a second in front of the school, where Forest Fountain intersects with Montebello Avenue).

The clear expectation is that student living north of Sonoma Boulevard will cross it at the intersection of Forest Fountain. However, a public passageway runs from Castillian Drive (one block east of Forest Fountain) into Forest Fountain Park which abuts the north side of the school property. A considerable number of students living north of Sonoma access the school by first crossing Sonoma at Castillian Drive, and proceeding to the public passage, rather than crossing at the Sonoma/Forest Fountain intersection

There is a concern that the high volume of traffic along Sonoma Boulevard and the tendency for motorists to speed along the stretch of it between Islington and Forest Fountain (because none of the streets touching this portion of Sonoma---i.e., Clarence, Castle Park, Castillian---are cross streets), the situation is putting these children at risk.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This recommendation relates to Section 1.1: Improve community safety through design, prevention, enforcement and education

Conclusion

Confirmation that stop signs are warranted at this location, along with their installation, will ensure the safety of those children taking the above-described route to St. Andrew's School.

Attachments

None

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