

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 15, 2004

ENSURING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG MARTINGROVE ROAD

Recommendation

Councillor Carella recommends that staff be directed to report on the feasibility of installing a crosswalk (standard or raised) on Martingrove Road, in the vicinity of Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre

Purpose

To ensure the safety of pedestrians accessing the facilities at Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre from the west side of Martingrove Road

Background - Analysis and Options

Pedestrians can traverse Martingrove Road via crosswalks where that street intersects (1) with Claudia Avenue and Bainbridge Avenue [where a school crossing guard is stationed], and (2) with Forest Drive---as both of these intersections feature all-way stop signs. The distance between these two intersections is however quite lengthy, as indicated by the number of streets leading off of Martingrove Road to the west---both ends of Jackman Crescent, and Bellona Street, leading to Cadmus Court and Triton Avenue.

Residents of these streets and along the west side of Martingrove between Claudia and Forest complain that the lack of a midblock crosswalk is extremely inconvenient, especially to those who live directly across from the community center. For that reason it is appropriate that staff examine the feasibility of installing a crosswalk in the vicinity of the community center. This crosswalk should at least be of the standard variety, but given the frequency of speeding along this stretch of Martingrove, a raised crosswalk might be more appropriate.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 1.1 of the Vaughan Vision reads: "Improve community safety through design, prevention, enforcement, and education."

Conclusion

The installation of a crosswalk at the proposed location will increase pedestrian safety; if it is a raised crosswalk, it will also calm local traffic

Attachments

None

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