

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 29, 2004

ZAHAVY DRIVE – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing an allway stop control at Zahavy Drive and Brownridge Drive; and
2. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to their findings as soon as possible.

Purpose

To address resident concerns with regards to a number of minor accidents and mishaps that have occurred at this particular intersection.

Background - Analysis and Options

Currently, there is a one-way stop control on Zahavy Drive at Brownridge Drive; however, several residents have indicated that there is a need for an allway stop control. Brownridge Public School is located on the south side of Brownridge Drive, just west of Zahavy Drive, and during peak drop-off and pick-up periods, vehicles are parked on both the north and south sides of Brownridge Drive, blocking driver visibility from Zahavy Drive. Residents have indicated that several minor collisions have occurred at the Zahavy Drive and Brownridge Drive intersection, as a result of the on-street stopping and parking in front of the school. An allway stop control would force all eastbound and westbound vehicles on Brownridge Drive to stop at Zahavy Drive, thereby increasing the safety of the intersection.

Additionally, residents have also raised concerns of speeding through traffic on Zahavy Drive. Motorists on Brownridge Drive that use Zahavy Drive as a through street often turn onto Zahavy Drive at high speeds. An allway stop control would force vehicles traveling along Brownridge Drive to stop prior to turning on Zahavy Drive, thereby reducing the vehicular speeds of through traffic.

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 traffic calming measure at the specified location.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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