

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 18, 2005

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR JANE STREET/MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to conduct a comprehensive review of the traffic volumes, vehicle speeds and collision history on Jane Street from Major Mackenzie Drive to Teston Road and to implement traffic improvements to ensure the safety of motorists traveling along Jane Street north of Major Mackenzie Drive.
2. That York Regional Police be formally requested to increase enforcement on Jane Street from Major Mackenzie Drive to Teston Road.
3. That the Region of York be requested to install a red light camera at the intersection of Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive.

Purpose

Safety of motorists and pedestrians must be ensured and protected where an area is known to have a high volume of accidents.

Background - Analysis and Options

A number of fatal and near fatal accidents have occurred along Jane St. north of Major Mackenzie Drive in recent years. Accidents at the intersection of Jane St. and Major Mackenzie Dr. have also increased significantly in the last several years. The latest fatality occurred before Christmas where an 11year old boy died in a car accident on Jane St. just north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

In consultation with the City of Vaughan's Engineering Services Department, several areas of concern were highlighted for further review of the jurisdiction having authority, the Region of York. The Region of York should be requested to review and reduce the speed limit on Jane St. from Major Mackenzie Drive to Teston Rd. In addition, a red light camera should be installed at the intersection of Jane St. and Major Mackenzie Drive. Additional police presence at this same location and on Jane Street north of Major Mackenzie Drive will send a clear message to residents that we are serious about safety in our community.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

A formal request from the City of Vaughan be made to the Region of York to reduce the speed limit along Jane St. from Major Mackenzie Dr. to Teston Rd. and that a red light camera be installed at the location outlined above, and to York Regional Police to increase their surveillance in this same area.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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