

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 16, 2005**

### **ENHANCING TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE WOODBRIDGE CORE**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that appropriate staff be directed to conduct a study to determine whether traffic circulation in the Woodbridge core might be enhanced by the designation of the curbside westbound lane of Woodbridge Avenue at the intersection with Clarence Street as a right-turn-only lane.

#### **Economic Impact**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To determine whether traffic circulation in the Woodbridge core might be enhanced by the designation of the curbside westbound lane at the intersection with Clarence Street as a right-turn-only lane.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Woodbridge Avenue between Islington Avenue (on the east side of the Humber River) and Clarence Street (on the west side of the river) is a four-lane roadway. Immediately west of Clarence Street, the roadway narrows to two lanes. Vehicular traffic approaching the intersection from Islington Avenue either pass through the intersection and continue along Woodbridge Avenue, or---if they are traveling in the curbside lane, turn north onto Clarence Street. In recent years, with the development of the Woodbridge Expansion Area, northbound traffic on Clarence Street has increased noticeably, as the street is a direct link from the Woodbridge core to that destination.

Frequently, however, motorists in the curbside lane do not turn north onto Clarence Street, but continue in a westerly direction, and are caught in the "squeeze" of westbound traffic where the roadway narrows to two lanes and on-street parking begins; or, alternatively, vehicles westbound in this lane "squeeze" other vehicles proceeding in the same direction from the centre westbound lane. Indeed, pedestrians and other motorists report that motorists in both westbound lanes often accelerate at this point, to see which will proceed first.

Thus, the designation of the curbside westbound lane as a right-turn-only lane may be appropriate at this time; and hence, the need for a traffic study.

#### **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**

Traffic circulation in the Woodbridge core may be enhanced by the designation of the curbside westbound lane of Woodbridge Avenue at the intersection of Clarence Street as a right-turn-only lane.

**Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella