

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 20, 2005

VICEROY ROAD – NO PARKING SIGNS

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That "No Parking" signs be installed on both the north and south side of Viceroy Road, between Futurity Place and Dufferin Street.

Economic Impact

N/A

Purpose

To alleviate parking control issues on Viceroy Road.

Background - Analysis and Options

Viceroy Road is an industrial area, and as a result, businesses have complained about large trucks, cabs, and large trailers, without cabs, being parked on this roadway for days, without being moved. As these are large vehicles, they do block sight lines for vehicles exiting driveways, and they reduce the number of traffic lanes on a high volume street, thereby raising safety concerns. As well, large vehicles exiting driveways that are required to make wide turns may be impeded as well.

The Bylaw Department did run a report to determine the number of parking violation tickets issued on Viceroy Road since January 2004, and the total number of tickets issued was 83 with the breakdown as follows:

Overnight Parking Violations – 45 tags issued
Three-hour Parking Violations – 38 tags issued

Engineering Traffic staff did conduct observations of Viceroy Road on March 9, 2005 (see attachment 3); however these three one-hour periods of observation do not seem to accurately reflect the parking control issues occurring on the roadway. The number of Bylaw infractions suggests that the problem has been ongoing and persistent for the last year and a half.

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 safety issues concerning parking control issues on Viceroy Road, it is recommended that "No Parking" signs be installed on both the north and south sides of Viceroy Road, from Futurity Place to Dufferin Street.

Attachments

1. Letter from Milestone Group
2. Bylaw Ticket Report for Viceroy Road
3. Engineering Observations of Viceroy Road for March 9, 2005

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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May 16, 2005

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco
City of Vaughan
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Dear Sandra,

Re: Trailer Parking -- Safety Issues - Viceroy Road, Concord, Ontario

We thank you for your efforts and your letter of May 6, 2005 regarding the above stated parking issue.

The survey by the Engineering Department was for a total of three hours during one day and they did observe trucks parked on the street. Our buildings are on both sides of Viceroy Road, for its full length, and our staff as well as myself travel this road each and every day.

The issues are:

- Large Trailers, WITHOUT CABS, permanently parked on Viceroy for days, without moving. We consider this STORAGE. Because of their size, these trailers obstruct the sight lines for vehicles exiting the driveways, as well as reducing the number of traffic lanes on a very busy street. Most of this permanent parking is on the South side of the road, between Futurity Place and Dufferin.
- Large Trucks are permanently parked and stored in this same area, during the day and overnight.

Our Property Manager has contacted your By-Law Department on numerous occasions during the last few months and a verbal complaint has been filed. To date no response has been received.

Once again, we believe this to be a dangerous situation and the area between Futurity Place and Dufferin should be "No Parking" on both sides of the street.

This is not a major issue and we feel that these signs should be immediately installed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
THE MILESTONE GROUP



Bernie Moss, C.A.
Executive V.P. & General Manager

BM/rk

Furfaro, Cindy

From: Heron, Janice
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 10:23 AM
To: Furfaro, Cindy
Cc: Thompson, Tony
Subject: FW: TAGS...PLEASE READ Viceroy Road

Good Morning Cindy:

I had a report run from January 2004 to present and there were 83 records found, breakdown is as follows:

Parking 2-6 (overnight) - 45 records/tags
3 hour parking (days) - 38 records/tags

Hopefully this will assist you with your report.

Janice
Ext. 8769

-----Original Message-----

From: Furfaro, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 4:09 PM
To: Heron, Janice
Subject: Viceroy Road

Hi Janice.

As a follow-up to our conversation, can you please provide me with the number of parking tickets issued on Viceroy Road since April 1, 2005 through the ticket tracer.

I am not sure how detailed you can get, but if you could break it down into overnight parking and 3 hour parking that would be great. If not, a total number of tickets issued will be fine.

Thank you.

Cindy Furfaro-Benning
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Furfaro, Cindy

From: Dokman, Mike
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2005 2:47 PM
To: Furfaro, Cindy
Cc: Robinson, Bill; Carroll, Gary; Guida, Amanda
Subject: RE: Viceroy Road

Hi Cindy,

City staff and Region staff have been dealing with the Dufferin St/Viceroy Rd intersection concern with illegal westbound left turns at the intersection from the through/right turn lane as a result of an earlier resident complaint. As part of that review, this matter regarding truck parking on the road was raised and Traffic staff have reviewed this concern.

On March 9, 2005 Traffic staff conducted observations of the parking activity on Viceroy Rd and is summarized below.

- * 7:30am to 8:30am, 3 trucks parked on the south side
- * 11:15am to 12:15pm, 5 trucks parked on the south side
- * 3:30pm to 4:30pm, 5 trucks parked on the south side
- * The length of Viceroy from Dufferin St to Alness St is approximately 1 Km
- * 12 accesses on the north side
- * 15 accesses on the south side
- * no accesses were blocked during the observed times
- * no trucks were parked directly opposite one another during the observed times

At the time of this study, there was minimal truck parking (5 trucks) all on the south side of the road and the traffic flow was not affected.

I will request By-Law Dept. to provide enforcement of the overnight truck parking on Viceroy Rd.

Any questions, please contact me.

Thanks
Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Robinson, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 5:16 PM
To: Dokman, Mike
Cc: Guida, Amanda; Carroll, Gary; Furfaro, Cindy
Subject: RE: Viceroy Road

Mike:

Please schedule the necessary reviews to respond to this inquiry. Please advise of anticipated timeframe for a response given current staffing and workload.

Thanks,
Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Furfaro, Cindy
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2005 3:44 PM
To: Robinson, Bill
Cc: Guida, Amanda; Dokman, Mike
Subject: Viceroy Road

Hi Bill.

Councillor Racco has received several complaints regarding safety issues surrounding on-street parking on Viceroy Road. Traffic has increased on this street, and tractor trailers are parking on both sides of the streets both during the day and overnight. Councillor Racco would like staff to do a traffic study to see if No Parking signs are warranted on the street for safety reasons.