

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 6, 2005.

ANSLEY GROVE AT PINEDALE GATE PROPOSED NO U-TURN SIGN

RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

That the Engineering department review the recommendations brought forth by York Regional Police regarding illegal U-Turns at the entrance to the Pinedale Gate community.

Economic Impact

Purpose

This item is in response to a request for increased enforcement, and alternatives that have been brought forth by York Regional Police to address safety concerns at the intersection of Ansley Grove at Pinedale Gate.

Background - Analysis and Options

The property manager of Downing Street Property Management Inc. is representing the residents of the Pinedale Gate Community. Since the opening of Shoppers Drug Mart at the corner of Highway 7 and Ansley Grove, this community has been inundated with a very high volume of vehicles making illegal U turns in the entrance of the complex. These are all customers of Shoppers Drug Mart that do not realize that the entrance to the drug store is located on Hwy 7. After turning onto Ansley Grove they realize that there is an island that stops them from entering into the Shoppers Drug Mart. The vehicles are naturally entering into the complex to make the immediate U-Turn. These movements can create a safety hazard for pedestrians on the sidewalk or crossing the road, as this community is composed of many young families with children.

The condominium corporation have attempted to address this issue with Shoppers Drug Mart directly, and as of this date they have yet to hear from their representatives.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report recommends a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Conclusion

The evaluation conducted by York Regional Police determined that unfortunately there is no offence under the Highway Traffic Act for turning into a driveway they do realize that this act is annoying and possibly dangerous. They have offered the following potential solutions for the Engineering departments review.

1) Sign posted that states "LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY" - under the Highway Traffic Act, police can enforce "Disobey Sign" which is a \$110.00 fine; the only problem is that police can't be there all the time to enforce it, so there will be people still turning into the lot or making U-turns.

2) Allow access into the pharmacy by creating an entrance from Ansley Grove; the problem is the traffic from Hwy 7 will cause congestion thus resulting in more accidents.

3) Gate off the front entrance to Pinedale Gate and have only the people who reside in that community to enter with a "swipe" or "wand" card; this would definitely work but it would be very costly.

Attachments

1. Letter from Downing Street Property Management Inc.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mr. Dokman:

PINEDALE COMMUNITY / PINEDALE GATE WOODBRIDGE, ONTARIO
YORK REGION CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION NUMBER 868

The Pinedale Gate Community is a Condominium Complex located just north of HWY 7, off of Ansley Grove. It is a small complex that encompasses 101 units, as this is private property, the traffic within our complex is all local traffic.

Since the opening the Shoppers Drug Mart at the corner of HWY 7 and Ansley Grove, this very quiet community has been inundated with a very high volume of vehicles making illegal U turns in the entrance of the complex. These are all customers of Shoppers Drug Mart that don't realize that the entrance to the drug store is located on HWY 7. After turning onto Ansley Grove they realize that there is an island that stops them from entering into the Shoppers Drug Mart. Hence, they naturally turn into our complex and make an immediate U-turn.

The Pinedale community is quite concerned about this situation for many obvious reasons. The volume of traffic into the Pinedale community has grown exponentially. It is a community of young families with children. We are concerned for the safety of the children, walking on the sidewalk or crossing the road. There has already been a number of near miss accidents. Homeowners following the Shoppers Drug Mart customers are not expecting vehicles to break suddenly at the entrance of the complex. There are numerous individuals that are making illegal U-turns into the intersection, which has resulted in several near miss accidents.

We have attempted to address this issue with Shoppers Drug Mart directly, as of today we have yet to hear from their representative.

We ask you to please give this your immediate attention, for that safety of our community residences, and young and old alike.

Respectfully,

DOWNING STREET PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC.
AS agents for the owners

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cc: Mr. Bernie Divona, City Council Ward 3
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