

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 18, 2006

THORNHILL WOODS DRIVE - TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING FOLLOW UP

In response to resident concerns, Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. THAT staff be directed to take the necessary steps to reduce the speed limit along Thornhill Woods Drive to 40 kms per hour;
2. THAT York Regional Police be requested to provide more monitoring and enforcement of the speed limit along Thornhill Woods Drive;
3. THAT staff investigate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing signal near Thornhill Woods Public School;
4. THAT an additional crossing guard be added to Thornhill Woods Public School and;
5. THAT staff investigate the feasibility of installing painted line drawings along the entire length of Thornhill Woods Drive.

Economic Impact

To be determined.

Purpose

To alleviate speeding along Thornhill Woods Drive.

Background - Analysis and Options

Thornhill Woods Drive is a collector road that extends between Highway #7 and Rutherford Road in the Thornhill Woods subdivision. Currently, there are existing all-way stop controls located at the intersections of Thornhill Woods Drive & Maple Sugar Lane; Thornhill Woods Drive & Mistysugar Trail, as well as Thornhill Woods Drive and Summeridge Drive. Although these all-way stops are in place, vehicles ignore them and speed through thereby compromising the safety of our residents. In addition, Thornhill Woods Drive is a transit route with an elementary school situated at Thornhill Woods Drive and Autumn Hill Blvd.

On March 29, 2006, the local Councillor along with Regional Councillor Jackson and staff from the City of Vaughan held a traffic calming meeting with the residents from Thornhill Woods Drive. During that meeting, residents expressed serious concerns over the speeding along Thornhill Woods Drive and requested that the City of Vaughan take the necessary steps to alleviate this problem. Residents requested that the local Councillor investigate the feasibility of reducing the speed limit, installing a pedestrian crossing signal, implementing painted line drawings along the length of Thornhill Woods Drive and investigate the need for an additional crossing guard for Thornhill Woods Public School.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

3.3.1 Implement effective traffic calming measures

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

Conclusion

It is recommended that staff be directed to investigate the necessity and feasibility of the options outlined above in order to address the ongoing safety concerns of area residents as discussed at the traffic calming meeting of March 29, 2006 .

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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