

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

REQUEST FOR REGION OF YORK TO ALLEVIATE RUTHERFORD GO TRAIN INFILTRATION THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREA ON THE NORTH

(Referred from the Council meeting of June 26, 2006)

Council, at its meeting of June 26, 2006, adopted the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 5, 2006, to provide an opportunity for the Ward Councillor to meet with the community and the Maple Village Ratepayers' Association and staff to determine the agreed upon solutions.

Report of Councillor Meffe, dated June 19, 2006

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

1. That City of Vaughan requests York Region to implement the following changes at the area around Rutherford Go Train Station to alleviate the traffic infiltration through the residential area to the north along Barrhill Road;
2. That the Region arrange to lengthen the left turn signal timing southbound on Keele Street to eastbound onto Rutherford Road to allow a longer turning period;
3. That the Region install a second left turn lane northbound on Westburne Drive going westbound onto Keele Street and add a left turn signal;
4. That the Region restrict traffic northbound from Westburne Drive to proceed only left or right onto Rutherford Road and not be permitted through the intersection northbound onto Barrhill Road;
5. That the Region and Go Transit install a right in and right out access on Rutherford Road for the Go Train Station.

Economic Impact

n/a

Purpose

To request that the Region of York assist in preventing unnecessary traffic infiltration through a residential area.

Background - Analysis and Options

Since the Rutherford Go Train Station has started to operate, we have had numerous complaints from the local residents in this area with respect to an unusually higher number of vehicles infiltrating through the subdivision in order to avoid traffic along Keele Street and Rutherford Road. It is not in the best interests of the local residents to have a higher volume of traffic going through their subdivision, it causes an extremely unsafe situation as the cars are traveling at excessive speeds. There are many young children that live in this subdivision along with an elementary school and neighbourhood park right on Barrhill Road which poses an even greater chance of a child being tragically hurt.

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

It is my belief that these changes are required in order to make this residential neighbourhood safe for the local residents.

Attachments

None.

Report prepared by:

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe,
Councillor