

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 18 2006

NO PARKING – MAST ROAD

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That 'No Parking' prohibitions be implemented on the west side of Mast Road in front of St. James Catholic Elementary School between 8:00 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 4:00 pm., Monday to Friday.

Economic Impact

The cost of installing the parking signage will be an initial impact to the 2006 Operating Budget. Replacement costs will be a minor impact to future budgets.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing parking prohibitions on one side of Mast Road, in response to direction from Council.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on October 17, 2005, Council directed:

- “1. That staff be directed to meet with the school council and the affected residents to review the matter and provide a feasibility study to a future Committee of the Whole meeting; and**
- 2. That the following report of Regional Councillor Frustaglio, dated October 11, 2005, be received.”**

The following recommendation from Regional and Local Councillor Frustaglio was to be reviewed and discussed.

“THAT staff review the feasibility of installing “No Parking 8:00 am – to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.” on Mast Road in front of St. James School.

To determine which side of Mast Road would be better served by this restriction.

THAT this report be brought forward to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.”

St James Catholic School is located on the east side of Mast Road. Mast Road is a local two lane roadway with a 20.00 metre right-of-way and a paved travelled surface of 9.0 metres. There is an existing posted speed limit of 40 km/h, respective of the school zone. Sidewalks are available on both sides of Mast Road in the vicinity of the school grounds. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

Staff conducted parking observations on Mast Road on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 from 8:00 am – 9:10 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Staff also conducted parking observations on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm to determine if parking prohibitions are required. The table below shows the results of the observations.

DATE OF STUDY	PARKING ACTIVITY SUMMARY ON MAST ROAD (EAST SIDE)	PARKING ACTIVITY SUMMARY ON MAST ROAD (WEST SIDE)
November 16 2005 - AM	38	2
November 16 2005 - PM	100	20
June 14, 2006 - PM	134	2

Staff met with representatives of the York Catholic District School Board and the Principal of St. James Catholic School on April 4, 2006. The Principal stated that she was unaware of parking concerns, and would present the issue at a subsequent St. James Catholic School's parent council meeting. The decision made at this meeting was that if it was necessary to implement parking restrictions, they should be on the west side of the road.

It would be preferred that children be dropped off or picked up on the east side, so that they do not have to cross the road. As indicated in the study, the majority of children are already dropped off or picked up on the east side of the road. The number of vehicles parked on the west side of Mast Road during the specified times is relatively low and does not necessarily support parking prohibitions. However, in the interest of student safety and maintaining traffic flow during the morning and afternoon periods, staff recommend 'No Parking' prohibitions be implemented on the west side of Mast Road between 8:00 – 9:00 am and 3:00 – 4:00 pm, in front of St. James Catholic Elementary School.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

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

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, it is recommended that parking prohibitions as noted be implemented on Mast Road in front of St. James Catholic Elementary School.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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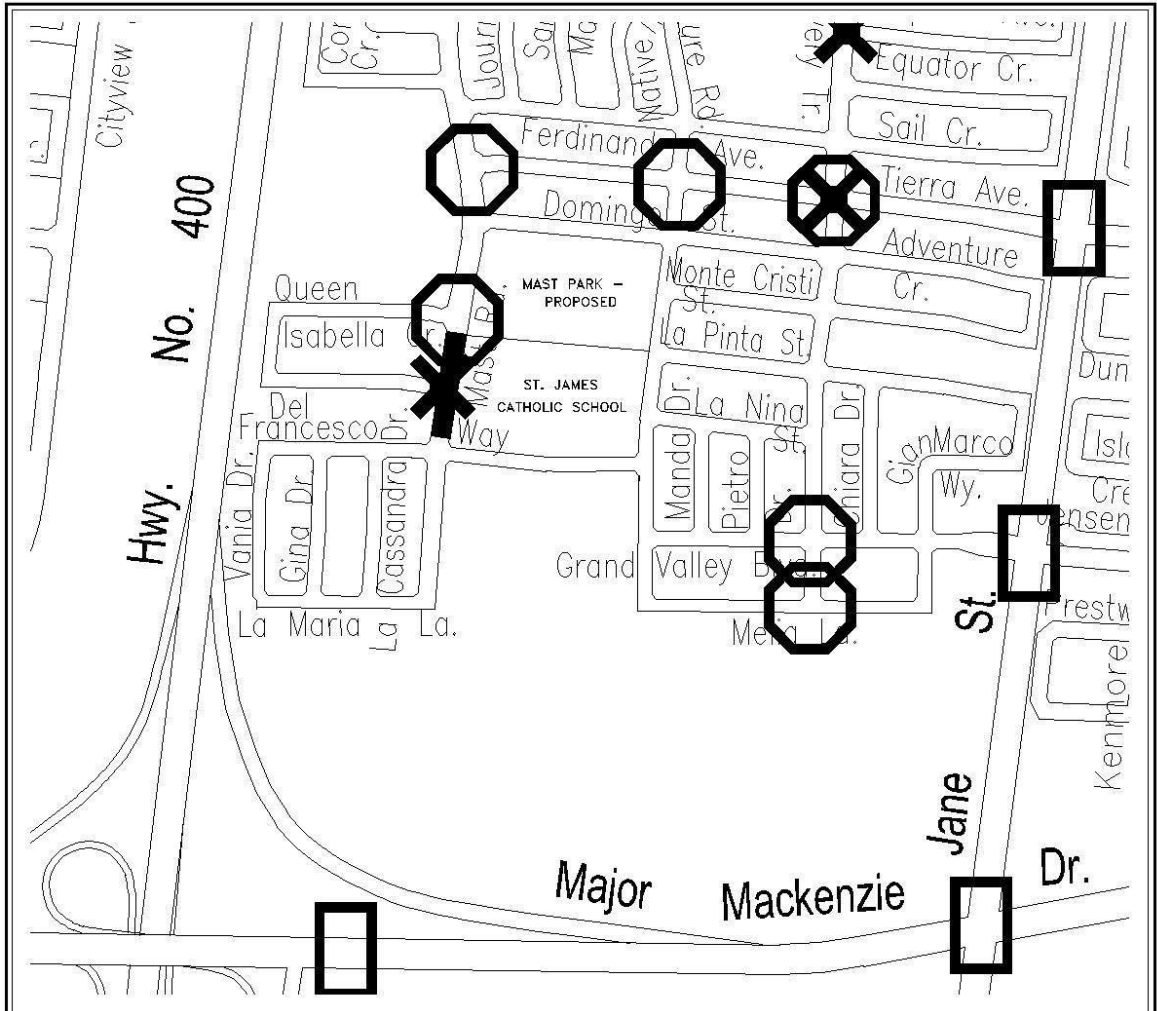
Respectfully submitted,

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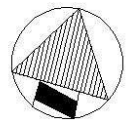
ATTACHMENT No. 1



MAST ROAD PROPOSED NO PARKING

LEGEND

-  AREA UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL
-  EXISTING SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING



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