

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

GLENSHEILDS AVENUE – NO PARKING PROHIBITION

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That a No Parking prohibition be installed from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, between the north and south property lines of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School on the east side of Glen Shields Avenue; and
2. That a No Parking prohibition be installed from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, between the north and south property lines of Glen Shields Public School on the east side of Glen Shields Avenue.

Economic Impact

The cost to install "No Parking" signs is provided for in current Operating Budgets. The ongoing costs to maintain the signs would be an impact to future Operating Budgets.

Purpose

To control parking and traffic issues on the east side of Glen Shields Avenue in front of the school areas, during morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-off times.

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents and school officials have been in contact with my office to complain of vehicles parking on the east side of Glen Shields Avenue during school drop-off and pick-up times. Often, vehicles park for a length of time, and vehicles are often double-parked, thus impeding traffic flow and endangering the safety of the school children and other pedestrians.

At the January 23, 2006 Council Meeting, Council approved the installation of No Stopping signs on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, from September 1 to June 30, between the north and south property line of both Glen Shields Public School and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School (please see attachment). At the parking review conducted prior to this report coming to Council in January, staff found that vehicles were parking on both sides of the roadway in front of the schools during the time periods in question, thus impacting emergency and other service vehicle movement in front of the schools as well as creating sightline problems for drivers and pedestrians.

While the No Stopping signs on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue addresses issues on the west side of the roadway, it seems that there are still problems on the east side of the roadway during school drop-off and pick-up times, most notably vehicles parking for long lengths of time. While residents and school officials do not want to prohibit parents from dropping off their children, they do want to prohibit the unnecessary parking taking place for lengths of time during these times. No Parking prohibitions on the east side of Glen Shields Avenue, between the north and south property lines of the two schools, during school drop-off and pick-up times will still allow parents to drop off or pick up their children, but will also allow the City to monitor and enforce any illegal parking taking place, thereby easing traffic flow and creating a safer environment around the school zones.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

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

Conclusion

In response to concerns outlined by area residents, as well school officials, and in order to maintain community safety, it is recommended that above-noted No Parking prohibitions be installed at the specified locations.

Attachments

1. Extract of Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2006, Item 12

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2006

Item 12, Report No. 1, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 23, 2006.

**12 GLEN SHIELDS AVENUE AT GLEN SHIELDS AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AND OUR LADY OF ROSARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PROPOSED NO STOPPING PROHIBITION**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated January 16, 2006:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

- 1) That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, between the north and south property lines of Glen Shields Public Elementary School on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue; and
- 2) That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, between the north and south property lines of Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the 'No Stopping' signs are provided for in the 2006 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be an impact to future Operating Budgets.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing 'No Stopping' signs along the west side of Glen Shields Avenue in front of Glen Shields Public Elementary School and along the west side of Glen Shields Avenue in front of Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on October 31, 2005, Council approved:

- “1. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a No Parking restriction from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday on the east and west side of Glen Shields Avenue in front of Glen Shields Public School and Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School.
2. That staff be requested to investigate the need for a No Stopping restriction from 8:30 am to 9:30 am and 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday on the east and west side of Glen Shields Avenue in front of Glen Shields Public School and Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School.”

Glen Shields Avenue is a feeder roadway with a 24.0 meter right-of-way and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There are existing crossing guards on the west side of Cog Hill Drive and Glen Shields Avenue intersection and on the south side of Bayhill Drive and Glen Shields Avenue intersection. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

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A parking review was conducted on Thursday, December 1, 2005 during the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:30 am and from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in front of Glen Shields Public Elementary School and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School. Observations show that vehicles were parked along Glen Shields Avenue on both sides of the roadway in front of the schools during the study time periods.

Glen Shields Avenue has a road width of approximately 13.0 meters. When vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway, the available travel width is about 7 meters between the vehicles. This is sufficient space for vehicles to travel in both directions on the roadway. However, when vehicles parked on both sides impact emergency and other service vehicles movement in front of the school as well as creates sightline problems for drivers and pedestrians.

The installation of a 'No Stopping' Prohibition on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue across from Glen Shields Public Elementary School and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School will allow emergency and other service vehicles movement in front of the schools and reduce the amount of congestion during the time periods. Also, the prohibition will eliminate small children crossing the roadway, possibly between vehicles, in an unsafe environment.

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 'No Stopping' signs with the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:30 am and 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, be installed on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue between the north and south property lines of Glen Shields Public Elementary School and on the west side of Glen Shields Avenue between the north and south property lines of Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Elementary School.

Attachments

1. Location Map.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)