

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 11, 2006

KIPLING AVENUE SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 7 VARIOUS TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable.

Purpose

To report further to Council direction on various traffic issues as per Council Meeting of June 26, 2006.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on June 26, 2006, Council directed:

- “(1) By approving that appropriate staff review with York Region the optimum periods for extending the timing of the north/south green lights at the intersection of Kipling Avenue and Hwy. 7, namely on weekend evenings (Saturday and Sunday), May 15 to September 30, and between 9:00 p.m. and midnight, to facilitate the outflow of traffic onto Hwy. 7 with the closure of functions/events at the three community facilities at the south end of Kipling Avenue;**
- (2) That the residents on both sides of Kipling Avenue between Highway 7 and the southerly leg of Veneto Drive, be polled to determine if they are in support of a pilot project to run in 2006 only, entailing the prohibition of all parking on the east side of Kipling Avenue only between 6:00 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from June 1st to September 30th, and that if 66.6% of respondents are in agreement with this proposal, this pilot project will be implemented with all deliberate speed.”**

Kipling Avenue is a feeder road with 2 lanes south of Coles Road and 3 lanes north of Coles Road, with pavement widths ranging from 8.5 metres to approximately 11.5 metres between Highway 7 and the southerly limit. The intersection of Kipling Avenue and Highway 7 is signalized and under the jurisdiction of the Region of York. The existing posted speed limit is 40 km/h on Kipling Avenue. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

Staff contacted the Region of York, Transportation and Works Department further to direction that during weekend evenings from May 15th to September 30th between 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight, adjustment to the traffic signal timings at Highway 7 and Kipling Avenue is required as the community facility activities end and traffic exits northbound. Region of York staff have reviewed this concern and in response have adjusted the timing plan for northbound traffic at Highway 7 and Kipling Avenue for Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 9:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, to facilitate the expected additional traffic.

Staff sent a survey to directly affected residents on Kipling Avenue between Highway 7 and the southerly leg of Veneto Drive on August 2, 2006, requesting their opinion on the proposed parking prohibition for the east side of Kipling Avenue, Saturdays and Sundays, 6:00 pm to 11:59 pm, as a pilot project.

The survey closed on August 18, 2006. A total of 6 surveys were received from the 23 delivered. 2 surveys agreed to the proposed parking prohibitions, and 4 surveys disagreed with the proposed parking prohibitions. As the results of the survey indicated that the 66.6% agreement threshold was not met, the parking prohibitions were not installed.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to ensure enhanced safety standards are incorporated in community designs (1.1.2).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that this report be received for information.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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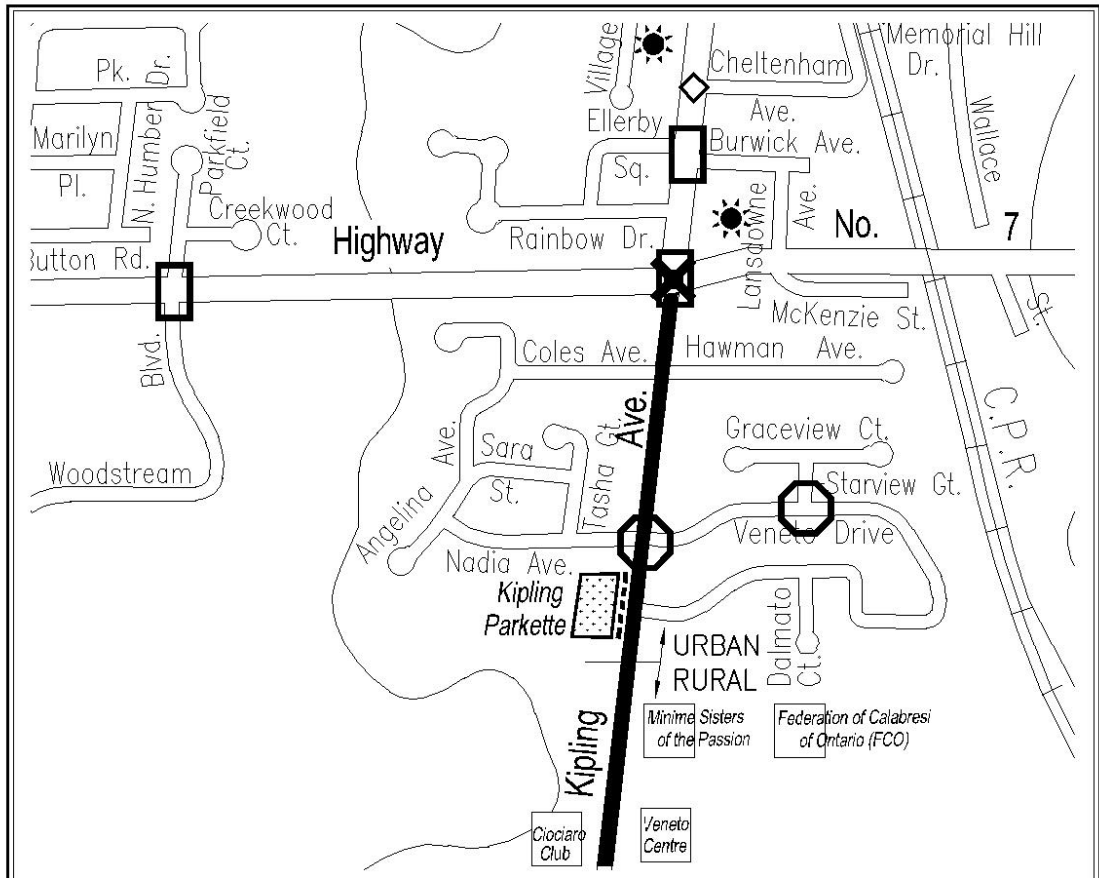
Respectfully submitted,

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
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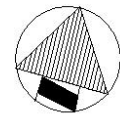


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LEGEND

PROPOSED "NO PARKING" PROHIBITION

-  AREA UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING NO PARKING PROHIBITION
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL
-  EXISTING SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING
-  EXISTING FLASHING SCHOOL BEACON
-  PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL



NOT TO SCALE