

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 1, 2007

EDGELEY BOULEVARD AND FOUR VALLEY DRIVE – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff be requested to investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing an allway stop control at the north intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgeley Boulevard;
2. That staff investigate the need for and the feasibility of installing a signalized intersection at the north intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgeley Boulevard; and
3. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting with respect to their findings in November 2007.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

To control traffic issues at the intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgeley Boulevard.

Background - Analysis and Options

Several employees of businesses in the Four Valley Drive area have contacted our office expressing concerns regarding this intersection. Their concern is that this intersection is extremely busy and requires some form of control to eliminate accident hazards, especially during peak travel times. As well, a concern was expressed with regards to sight lines and the curvature of the roadway, and that due to restricted sightlines at this intersection some form of traffic calming is required.

On Friday, September 21, one employee from Miele Inc. was involved in a car accident at this intersection, and it is felt, by both the employee and the employer, that either an allway stop control or a signalized intersection may have prevented the accident from occurring.

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.

Regional Implications

None

Conclusion

In response to concerns outlined by local business employees, and in order to maintain community safety, it is recommended that staff review the need for an allway stop control or a signalized intersection at the specified location.

Attachments

1. Email Correspondence from Employees in the Four Valley Drive (12 emails total)

Report prepared by:

Cindy Furfaro-Benning, Council Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor, Ward 4

Furfaro, Cindy

From: kelly.mcdavid@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 2:39 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection of north Four Valley Drive and Edgeley Blvd.

Hello,

My name is Kelly McDavid and I am the H.R. Manager at Miele Ltd, at 161 Four Valley Drive. One of our employees was involved in a serious car accident today around 12:30pm at the corner of Four Valley and Edgely. He was not injured but his car was terribly damaged.

I am very concerned about this intersection. It was only a matter of time until one of our employees was involved in an accident there.

I called the City of Vaughan works department last year to let them know of our concerns. I was told that a traffic study was to be conducted and that I would receive a copy of the study once it had been completed. To date I have never seen a copy of the study.

I know several of our employees have called the city expressing their concerns about the intersection as well.

I am not sure what can be done, but something has to be done in order to protect people at that intersection, especially at the lunch hour times and around 5pm.

I am hoping someone will get back to me and let me know what can be done to improve the safety at this intersection for our employees and the other companies who reside on Four Valley Drive.

Thank you,

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9/24/2007

Furfaro, Cindy

From: frank.cugliari@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:40 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Fw: Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely

Hi Sandra,

I know you will be receiving many emails regarding this matter, but the intersection is beyond dangerous. Anything would help, please take the time to increase safety.

Thank you,

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----- Forwarded by Frank Cugliari/ON/Miele/CA on 21/09/2007 04:39 PM -----

Kelly McDavid/ON/Miele/CA

To CA-ON-All

cc

21/09/2007 04:32 PM

Subject Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely

Hi All,

As many of you know, one of our H.O. employees was involved in an accident at the above intersection today. He is ok, but his car was seriously damaged.

This is a dangerous intersection and I know many of you have expressed concerns about it. I have sent our Ward councillor an email expressing our concerns and that something needs to be done before someone is seriously injured.

I think it would help if we all sent her an email asking for something to be done to improve the safety at that intersection.

Our councillor's name is Sandra Yeung Racco. Her email address is:

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Thank you!
Kelly

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: george.petrou@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:42 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection on edgle and four valley

Sandra,

We need a four way stop sign on the intersection Four valley dr and Edgeley.

Very hard to get out.

In the past I have waited over 10 minutes just to get out of the street. Noone lets you go by, and you take chances running quickly

thanks,

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: tanya.giacchetta@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:43 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection of Four Valley Drive & Edgely

Good Afternoon Sandra,

One of my fellow co-workers was involved in a car accident this afternoon, he is ok, but his car is seriously damaged. I must express concern about this intersection as I have seen quite a few accidents within this past year.

Many of my co-workers have mentioned that there should be a four way stop or a set of lights installed. This is on-going and I'm afraid that someone may be seriously injured at this uncontrolled intersection.

I do hope that this is a topic of conversation in your office to better control this intersection and make it safe especially during the lunch hour and after work traffic.

Thank you and I do hope you are taking concerned emails into consideration.

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: jeff.kennedy@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:43 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely

Hi Sandra,

I work in Vaughan and wanted to bring to your attention how dangerous the above intersection is. The problem with the intersection is that Edgely is a very busy street but a hill running south on Edgely makes it very difficult to turn left or right from Four Valley Drive. Someone will be killed at this intersection because of the poor visibility. A four way stop at the intersection would solve the problem.

Thanks,

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: Karen Elsligar [kelsligar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:47 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: North Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely in Vaughan

Dear Ms. Racco,

I am writing with great concern for my safety and that of my fellow employees. We have, for the past year, had to deal with the above mentioned dangerous intersection coming and going to work. Regardless of the fact that there is 4 way stop of at the south intersection (and you end up having to wait and wait and wait), this north intersection needs lights! There is also great confusion at the south intersection as to who should proceed first through the intersection. I suppose the extra two lanes confuses people, who knows! Perhaps they shouldn't have been granted their licence if they don't know the basic rules of a stop sign.

I believe there has been polling done, this year, at the north intersection and I'm positive the results were that lights were needed. Please put lights at this intersection as soon as possible, before more of my fellow employees get in accidents and/or hurt! Believe me, the snow coming also makes this intersection that much more dangerous, as nobody driving north on Edgely obeys the speed limit either! There is a dangerous dip in Edgely approaching Four Valley Drive there, making it almost impossible to see the north bound traffic when pulling out.

This needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Please let me know when.

Best regards,

Karen Elsligar

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: jamie.zakalik@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 4:56 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Edgeley/Four Valley Intersection DANGER

Dear Ms. Racco,

I am writing you to express my deep concern in regards to the dangerous intersection at the north exit of Four Valley Drive at Edgeley.

Today, one of my colleagues had a major accident at this location, and although thankfully he suffered no injuries, his vehicle now has severe damages.

Every day I experience near-accidents, either to my vehicle, or to those driving alongside me. I have even seen an accident happen to the vehicle right in front of me.

Turning from Four Valley onto Edgeley every day is a terrifying experience, not only for me, but for all those working in the area.

The saddest part though, is that this could all be avoided by simply installing a traffic light, or even a four-way stop sign.

I would hate to think that the lack of something so simple, could be potentially life-threatening, especially with winter on its way.

Thankfully, sidewalks have recently been installed on Edgeley, making it much safer for pedestrians. However, the intersection at present, is simply a risk too large to take for all those who drive there.

I hope you hear my plea, and have the empathy to strongly consider taking action to solve this issue, before it is too late.

I look forward to your prompt reply.
Thanking you very much in advance.

With much respect,

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: kamran.all@miele.ca
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 5:07 PM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Re:Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely

Hi Sandra

I am just emailing you to express my concern about the above intersection. There was a accident today, both the parties were okay and no one was injured . I am requesting that something should be done to make it more safe and to prevent a more serious accident as the traffic is getting heavy every day with the new business in the area.

Thanks a lot for your kind support and appreciate any help in this matter

Thanks

Regards

Have a great weekend.

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9/24/2007

Furfaro, Cindy

From: michelle.naranjo@miele.ca
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 9:40 AM
To: Racco, Sandra
Cc: kelly.mcdavid@miele.ca
Subject: Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely
Importance: High

Dear Sandra:

Just wanted to bring your attention to an ongoing urgent matter.

I work @ Miele Canada situated right at the above noted intersection. I cross such intersection at least twice a day on my way to work and on my way home. In my experience this intersection is highly dangerous. I've witness several accidents since I started here December 2006.

I believe it is my duty as a citizen to advise you of the urgent ongoing situation and trust that you will find a prompt solution to this matter to avoid further accidents and most importantly prevent human casualties.

My coworkers as well as myself strongly believe this intersection should have a traffic light or at least a four way stop. Implementation of either will definitely assist the busy traffic and naturally will aid preventing reoccurring accidents.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information and/or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: rosa.tarantino@miele.ca
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 10:15 AM
To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection of Four Valley Drive & Edgeley Blvd.

Dear Ms. Racco,

I am an employee of Miele Limited located at 161 Four Valley Drive. The above mentioned intersection has become very dangerous for myself and my fellow employees. Recently, one of my co-workers experienced a terrible accident at that intersection. I believe that a traffic light, or at least a four way stop sign needs to be put in place there. Over my past 6 months working here, it has become quite difficult and dangerous to cross through that intersection. With the on-going development that is occurring in this area, I believe this is only going to get worse. The new volume of automobile traffic will make it virtually impossible to cross through that intersection, especially at 5pm, when most of us are making our way home.

I trust that you will forward this concern to the appropriate people so that we can make our streets of Vaughan safe for our community.

Thanking you in advance...

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Furfaro, Cindy

From: jerry.benetello@miele.ca
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To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Intersection of Four Valley Drive and Edgely

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the safety of the above mentioned intersection especially at night rush hour with the high volume of traffic and the cars speeding it is a safety concern. I also have a concern with the lack of a north bound 400 exchange, this causes unnecessary high volume of traffic through the Vaughan Mills mall and congestion at the lights at Rutherford to get on the 400 HWY. The fact that Langstaff does not have a 400 North bound exchange also increases the traffic flow on Edgely.. I would appreciate to hear that there are some plans to reduce this flow and congestion in the area especially once the new developments are built, it will be impossible to negotiate the drive in the area.

Regards

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9/25/2007

Furfaro, Cindy

From: imran.rana@miele.ca
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To: Racco, Sandra
Subject: Dangerous Intersection

Hi Sandra,

I was involved in a vehicle collision on Friday, September 21st 2007 at the corner of Four Valley and Edgeley in Vaughan.

I would like to advise you that this intersection and other intersections in the surrounding area are extremely dangerous.

My car was seriously damaged and I was hurt in the neck back and spine due to that intersection not being properly signed with a 4 way stop, or a traffic light.

For the amount of traffic and the speeds the traffic is travelling in this area a four way stop sign is needed .

I'm sitting at my desk in pain due to this.

Please take some action in regards to properly signing these intersections before someone gets hurt again, or God forbid, dies.

Yours truly,

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