

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 22, 2007

PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS – REVIEW OF CRITERIA

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff review the current criteria for the installation of pedestrian signals and that staff develop a firm set of criteria for both areas in a school zone and areas not in school zones for the installation of pedestrian signals; and
2. That staff report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Economic Impact

N/A.

Purpose

To reevaluate current criteria for the installation of pedestrian signals.

Background - Analysis and Options

My office has received requests from several Parent Teacher Associations and school principals to review various locations for the installation of pedestrian signals. In researching the criteria, it was discovered that currently no Provincial warrants exist to assist in conducting feasibility studies for the installation of pedestrian signals. Currently, each municipality is responsible for determining its own threshold for the installation of pedestrian signals.

The City of Vaughan has no firm criteria established as policy to determine the installation of pedestrian signals; however, our Traffic Engineering Department does use the threshold of 100 pedestrians crossing per hour to assist in determining warrants for the installation of pedestrian signals.

As such, it is felt that establishing clear and defined criteria for the installation of pedestrian signals in both school zone areas and non-school zone areas would be beneficial in determining established warrants for the future installation of pedestrian signals.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-1 – Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services

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

Due to the lack of defined criteria for the installation of pedestrian signals, it would be beneficial to develop clearly defined criteria to assist in conducting feasibility studies for the future installation of pedestrian signals in both school zones and non-school zone areas.

Attachments

1. None

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Respectfully submitted,

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