#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 22, 2007**

#### TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT HIGHWAY #7 & BRADWICK DRIVE

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

- 1. That the Region of York be requested to conduct the necessary traffic studies to see if a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of Highway #7 and Bradwick Drive; and
- 2. That staff report back with the findings of the Region of York to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### **Economic Impact**

N/A.

#### **Purpose**

To deal safety concerns at the intersection of Highway #7 and Bradwick Drive.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

My office is in receipt of a petition from area businesses and employees of area businesses with regards to a request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway #7 and Bradwick Drive. Complainants have expressed a safety concern with this intersection, citing that making left hand turns from Bradwick Drive onto Highway #7 is dangerous for motorists during peak travel times.

Complainants have also stated that they have witnessed several traffic accidents at this intersection over the past three years, and that these accidents may have been prevented with a traffic signal. Complainants have also pointed out that this is the only intersection on Highway #7 for several kilometers that does not have a signalized intersection.

#### 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 light of ongoing safety concerns at the intersection of Bradwick Drive and Highway #7, it would be appropriate to have the Region of York investigate the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway #7 and Bradwick Drive.

### **Attachments**

Petition for installation of above-noted traffic signal.

#### Report prepared by:

Cindy Furfaro-Benning, Council Executive Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco Councillor, Ward 4



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Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1
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Re: Installation of traffic signal, Highway 7 and Bradwick Drive.

We, the undersigned, are hereby petitioning to expedite the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 7 and Bradwick Drive.

Over the last few years there have been several accidents at this intersection due to its configuration, the geometry of Highway 7 coming from the north-east, the speed of the traffic on Highway 7 and the timing of the lights at the next intersections in each direction on Highway 7. Anyone who has attempted to make a left turn onto Highway 7 from Bradwick Drive (especially at night when it is more difficult to judge how far away intersecting traffic is) will understand that it is only a matter of time until someone dies at this intersection. We, the people, can not wait until York Region's studies show what we already know: it is time for a traffic signal to be installed. Thousands of us travel this road daily to and from work. As a result we know that this intersection is a "DEATH TRAP"!

This is the only intersection on Highway 7 for many, many kilometres that does not have a traffic signal. Too much time has already passed and it is imperative that we get this light project pushed to a top priority ASAP!

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

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Name

Comments

83. Susan Farina

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I just started working in the office at the corner of this intersection and while

81. Chetaniatania going home on first day i got frightened while taking left turn and changed

my route to avoid taking left turn at the intersection.

Daniel Mendel

Turning left to HWY 7 is extremely risky w/o a light!

79. Sam Hennick

78. Kenneth Yung

7 lanes of trafic. Cars come around the bend at excessive speed. Radar is constantly at this intersection. The constant presence of radar indicates a speed issue at this intersection. Making a Left hand turn when both the east and west trafic is clear is very difficult and can be very dangerous. I have watched a number of cars inch out into the intersection only to find that cars are starting to come around the courner and no break has occured in the north/east bound trafic.

stephen shulman

Vijay Abraham

75. Dr. A R Ladha Pls. do something. You owe it to the community.

74. Benny Chu

Allan Shovchet We're playing Russian Roulette with this intersection. Please act now and put a much needed traffic signal at Highway 7 & Bradwick Drive.

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Susan Shoychet Does it take a major fatality for the government to act. Something must be

done immediately.

Howard

71. Steinberg 70. Linda Tucker A much needed Traffic Signal at this location. Dr. Norm Freedman 68. Karen Wong 67. Bill Parmar Christine Chapman 65. Sheldon Meslin Christina It's really hard to judge what is the right time to make left turn especially at 64. Leung night or in severe weather condition. I have witnessed an accident. It was nasty. A signal should be installed Brian 63. Feranandez **ASAP** 62. Helen Feng It would be better if a VIVA bus stop is there. 61. Ming Zhao 60. Chunli Fu Diego Toneguzzo 58. Leena Tropper  $\frac{1}{7}$  This intersection is deadly dangerous to make the left turn on to the Highway marvin bernstein Frank De 56. Tommaso Lorraine **McDowall** I personally experience difficulty in making the right turn from Bradwick onto Hwy 7 westbound. It is difficult to gauge the speed on oncoming traffic, b.c. 54. Chastkofsky, but doesn't stop the motorists behind me from honking loudly urging me to C.A. make the turn at any cost. A traffic light may admittedly slow the flow on Hwy 7 a bit. But, it would make driving safer for those turning. 53. Linda Beck Why wait til someone dies at this intersection!!!!!!!! 52. Urszula Plaza Clwyd Edwards 50. Soly Kien Sandra Andreoli 48. Linda Ku 47. Ann Chan

the paperwork!

Sivanathan Mitchell

45. Gurevitch

Need the traffic lights ASAP

OR you could wait unit your own child dies while you are pushing around

44. Russell Sugar	It is essential even for those making a right turn since the driver following may not even be aware of the intersection coming up suddenly
43. Stephen Marano	
42. Ed Tarter	Agree that a light is desperately needed.
41. Jamie Shi	
40. AMIN LADHA	NEED TRAFFIC LIGHT BEFORE DISASTER STRCUKS
39. P. Hill	Very dangerous, definitely needs traffic signal
38. Marisa	I drive through this intersection on a daily basis. And everytime I do, I feel at risk. I don't think I should comprimise my safety as a taxpayer. Something must be done!
37. Nella Andreoli	
36. Israel Pelc	
35. Candace Boily	I turn at this intersection everyday. I do not feel safe at this intersection because of the speed of the traffic.

34. Basil Muzzo

33. Yogesh Mahindra

Traffic light is a must at this intersection

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Yogesh Mahindra

Traffic light is a must at this intersection

Elliott Rothman

Koczerginski

30. gina

29. Nathan

The street light can potentially save a life(lives). Please install one

immediately.

Mehboob Harji

Choran

27. Jagdish Patel

26. John

busy intersection.

25. Joe Andreoli If you continue to want our votes, put it in

24. Abdul Madhani

23. Dan Corbo

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22. connie mak

Wayne Mandel

20. BILL CHEONG

Last month I narrowly avoided a collision coming out from Bradwick onto

Hwy 7 eastward.

19. Mona Caplan hurry up and put this in before someone dies!

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Hwy 7 eastward.

- 17. Zalman Goldgut
- 16. Stephen Chung
- 15. Verjini Lambert
- 14. Sofia Zigelman

There is no right turn lane to turn on to Bradwick from Highway 7, going south west, cars behind you don't even slow down to give you time to make the right turn. Witnessed 2 accidents in the last couple years, in one of the accidents the driver making the left turn was badly injured.

- 13. Paul Bonder
- It is a fear for me each day I have to make a left turn to HWY 7 east from Bradwick. Please do not let fatality happened before you do something, please act on it and act on it now.

l 1. Benjamin Shishler Trying to exit from Bradwick onto Hwy #7 is a challenge. Traffis travelling on the hwy. exceeds the speed limit of 80km per hour by large margins. The effect is that even though vehicles may appear to be far away, they approach at rapid speed which makes entering the highway extremely difficult and dangerous. There have been a number of collisions involving traffic travelling on the highway and vehicles trying to exit Bradwick Drive. It is only a matter of time before there will be a fatality. Please put in a traffic light to slow down traffic and make the exiting from Bradwick safer. Thank you for your consideration

10. Kenneth Keung It is difficult to judge which lane the east-bound traffic is on. Too many times I left turn and had to swerve to avoid hitting an east-bound vehicle travelling on the left lane. Action needed from the city ASAP.

- 9. Amar Goel
- 8. Khozaima Kader
- 7. Harold Hillier

I refuse to enter Hwy 7 at this location due to the high risks. Instead I drive North through the industrial area to the North.

6. Arthur Chippin

To Sandra, When you were campaigning and you came to my door you stated that if I needed your help with something to call you. Consider this that call. Thanks in advance.

- 5. Pankaj Patel
- 4. Marla Rosenbloom
- 3. Leslie Rainbow

witnessed 2 accidents months part from each other in the past year

- 2. RONALD FARRO
  - Patel

    I work at the corner of this interesection and feel extremely scared to make a left turn to go home due to the high speed of traffic and the width of the lane. I have witnessed accidents at this intersection and feel that a traffic signal is absolutely necessary in this area.

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