

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 14, 2007

### TRAFFIC STUDY: AL PALLADINI COMMUNITY CENTRE, PIERRE BERTON RESOURCE LIBRARY, AND EMILY CARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

#### Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That the Region of York be requested to conduct a study of the operation of the intersection signalization at Rutherford Road and Islington Avenue to identify measures to eliminate traffic infiltration in the southeast quadrant of the intersection, namely through the parking lots of Al Palladini Community Centre, Pierre Berton Resource Library, and Emily Carr Secondary School.
2. That appropriate corrective measures be implemented by the Region as soon as practicable.
3. That City of Vaughan, Vaughan Public Library, York Region, and York Region District School Board staff identify additional traffic control measures that may alleviate the infiltration through these facilities.

#### Economic Impact

None

#### Communications Plan

Staff will inform the respective institutions of the study by letter, and request that this information be communicated to patrons/staff/students of the three facilities by posting his letter in a high-traffic area on the premises of each.

#### Purpose

To respond to direction given by Council at its meeting of May 7, 2007 regarding traffic infiltration through the properties of these public facilities.

#### Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of May 7, 2007, Council adopted the following:

**“That the report submitted by Councillors Carella and Di Vona titled, Traffic Study: Al Palladini Community Centre, Pierre Berton Resource Library, And Emily Carr Secondary School, dated April 30, 2007, be received and referred to staff for a report to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 14, 2007.”**

Users of the Al Palladini Community Centre, the Pierre Berton Resource Library and Emily Carr Secondary School have noted traffic infiltrating through these properties. It is reported that motorists traveling west on Rutherford Road, intending to turn left at Islington Avenue have been cutting through the parking lots of these public facilities to avoid delay at the traffic signal.

Apparently the frequency of such infiltration has increased of late and motorists are reported to be traveling at excessive speed through the parking lots. A study of the intersection signal operation may identify improvements that would increase the intersection traffic handling capacity. Alternatively, the traffic study may reveal strategies for addressing the issue by way of

modifications to the way traffic is allowed to flow between these three facilities and abutting streets.

Since the roads and the traffic signal are under the jurisdiction of the Region of York, the Region should be requested to undertake this review.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

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

### **Regional Implications**

Regional staff time would be required to undertake the necessary intersection operational review. Any cost to implement remedial measures would be determined following completion of the review.

### **Conclusion**

In order to address the concerns, it is appropriate that the recommendation be adopted.

### **Attachments**

1. Location Map

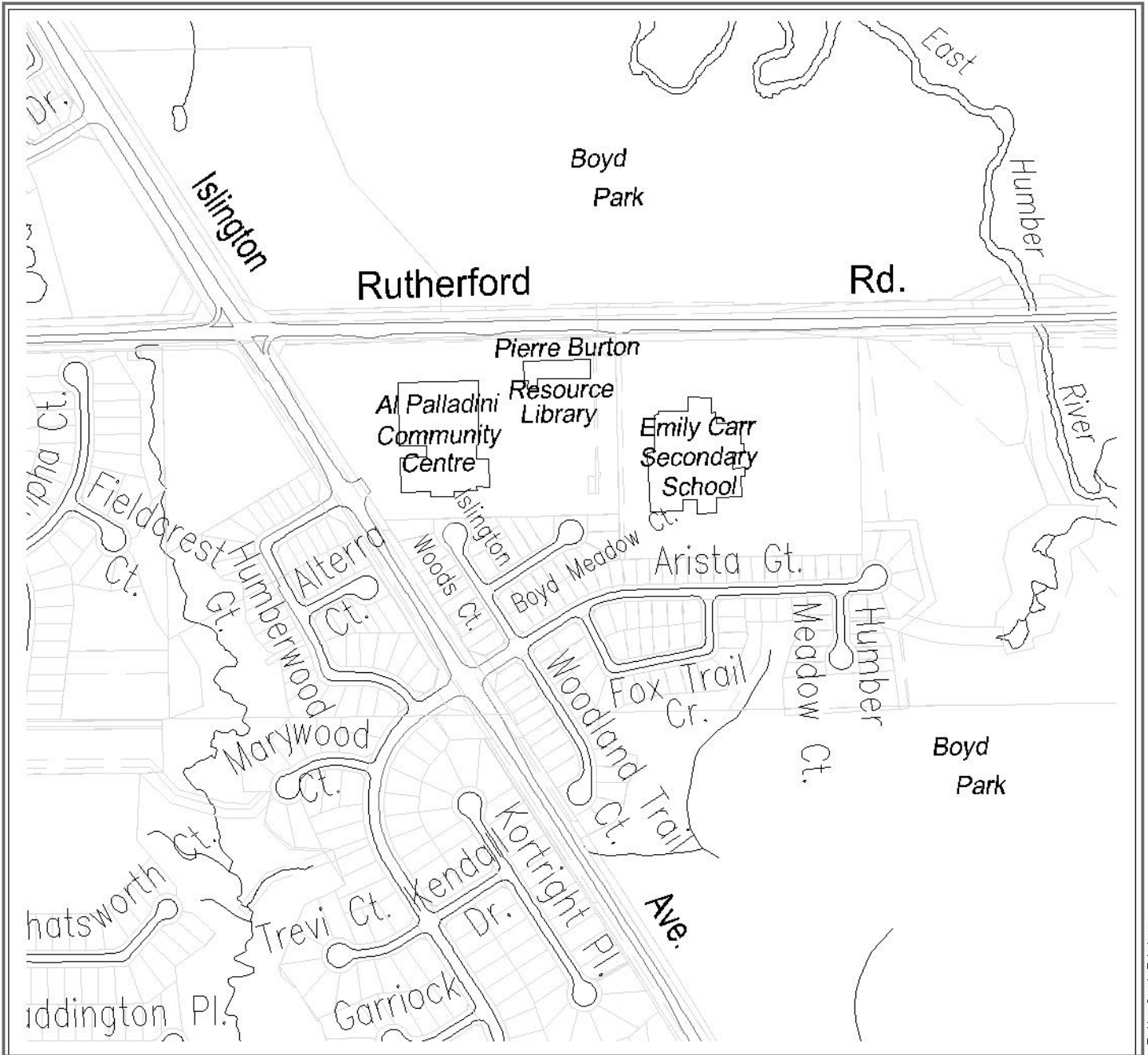
### **Report Prepared By:**

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Respectfully submitted,

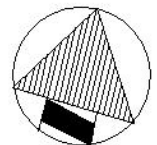
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# ATTACHMENT No. 1



## ISLINGTON AVENUE & RUTHERFORD ROAD

LOCATION : Part of Lots 15 & 16,  
Concession 7



NOT TO SCALE