

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

SONOMA HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that appropriate staff be directed by the City Manager to conduct a feasibility study respecting the development of a metered parking lot on public and other lands in the vicinity of Islington Avenue and Sonoma Boulevard; and that such study be completed no later than ninety days following Council approval of this recommendation.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communications Plan

Assuming the study indicates that the project is feasible, and providing that the necessary funds are advanced as appropriate, the local councillor will issue a media release, as well as inform by mail those residents of nearby properties of the nature of the project.

Purpose

To determine the feasibility of developing a revenue-generating solution to the shortage of off-street daytime and overnight parking spaces in the vicinity of Islington Avenue and Sonoma Boulevard.

Background - Analysis and Options

As indicated in the attached plan, the northwest corner of the intersection of Islington Avenue and Sonoma Boulevard (immediately east of private and the present terminus of Clarence Street at Sonoma Boulevard) features undeveloped private and City-owned property which once formed part of the Clarence Street road allowance, when that street terminated at Islington Avenue. Other lands in the immediated vicinity are owned by the Region of York.

The immediate neighbourhood includes a high percentage of townhouses with double garages fronting onto rear laneways. As is the case with growing families, as the children of these residents mature and become motorists, and more importantly automobile owners, parking---especially overnight parking---becomes problematic. While some residents have sought to rent unused garage space from their neighbours, they have met with little success. The only othe parking in the area is at the small plaza bounded by Clarence Street, Sonoma Boulevard, and Islington Avenue, where overnight parking is prohibited.

Given that there is vacant private, City and Region-owned lands at this location, there is merit in considering whether some or all of these lands might be converted to metered parking spaces that would represent a source of funds which would ultimately cover the costs relating to the development of these spaces, as well as constituting an on-going revenue stream.

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

Nil

Conclusion

There is merit in considering a proposal that might solve a local parking shortage while creating an on-going revenue stream for the municipality.

Attachments

Map showing public lands at the intersection of Islington Avenue and Sonoma Boulevard.

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

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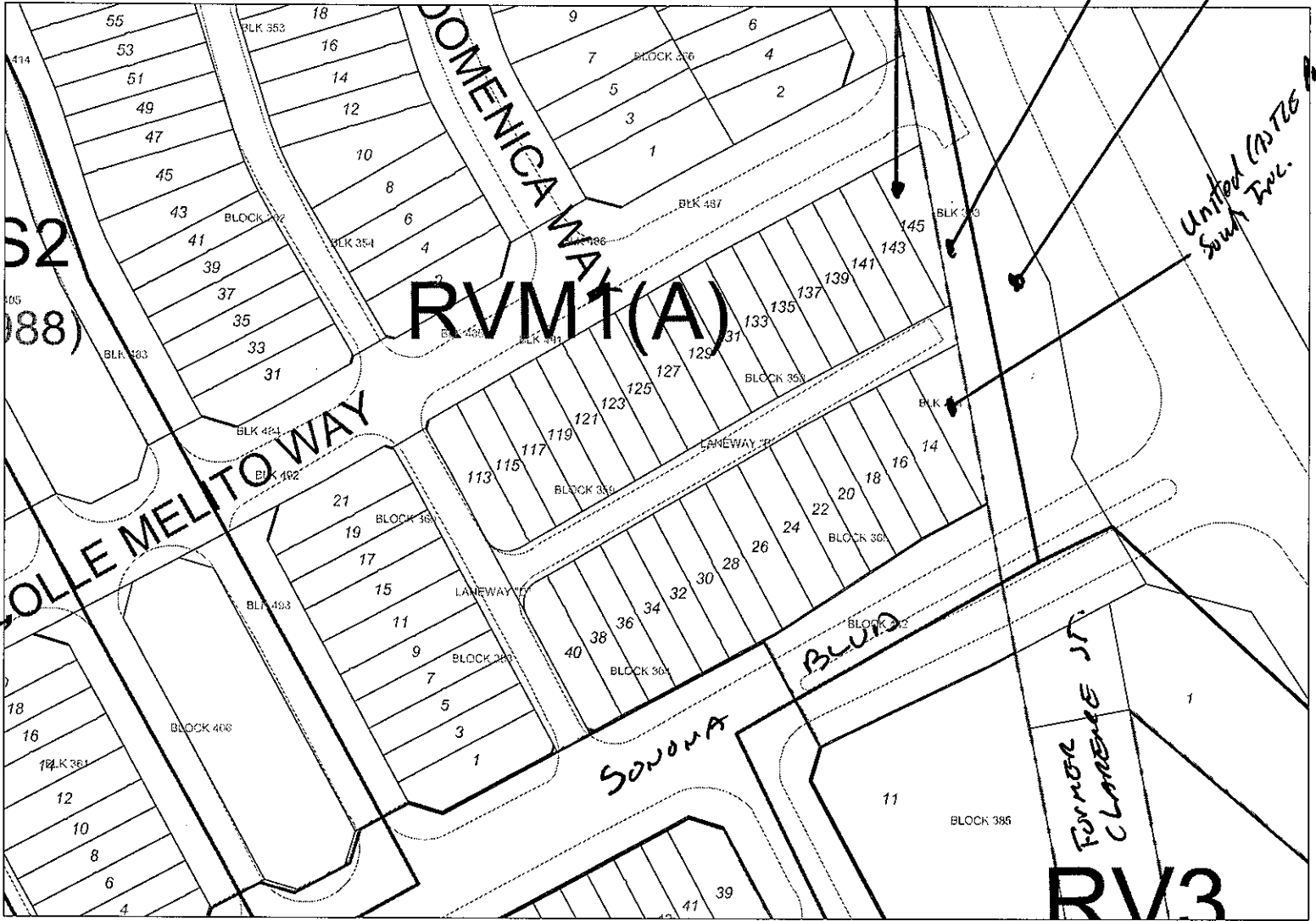
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