

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007

HAWKVIEW BLVD. – SIDEWALK REVIEW

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie DiVona recommends:

1. The City of Vaughan receives the petition dated September 25,2007, by the residents of Hawkview Blvd.; and
2. That the City of Vaughan Council directs the City of Vaughan Engineering Department to review the sidewalk request in context with our sidewalk policy, safety needs as requested by the residents , costs and source of funding, and assumption status of the subdivisions; and
3. That the City of Vaughan Engineering Department brings forth to a Committee of the Whole, at the earliest opportunity, this report.

Economic Impact

This item is to consider and request a report be provided and therefore has no additional cost implications.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

Residents are requesting that a sidewalk be installed on Hawkview Blvd.

Background - Analysis and Options

Councillor Bernie DiVona has received the above referenced request by the residents of Hawkview Blvd. Vellore Woods. They have expressed the dire need for a review to address safety issues.

Hawkview Blvd. has been constructed to serve as a mid block collector based on comments from the Engineering Department.

Hawkview Blvd. has a sidewalk constructed between Weston Road and Vellore Blvd. However, there is no continuous sidewalk easterly.

Hawkview Blvd. appears to have the same road width and residents had felt that there should be a consistent use and municipal service delivery.

Residents also wish to walk from Hawkview Blvd. to Rutherford Road and Weston Roads as shopping malls exist. Currently, they have to walk on the road for some of the way on the same street. This problem is aggravated in cold weather or rainy conditions which adds to pedestrian safety.

Lastly, residents have expressed concern as the road as a curve and it is dangerous for children to cross or use the road with vehicles swerving around them at high speeds.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Residents are requesting that sidewalks be installed on Hawkview Blvd. for safety reasons.

Attachments

Petition by residents dated September 25, 2007.

Report prepared by:

Councillor DiVona, Ext. 8339

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie DiVona
Councillor - Ward 3

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September 25, 2007

Regional Councillor Mr. Bernie DiVona
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To Bernie DiVona:

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY: PETITION REQUEST FOR SIDEWALKS

We, the concerned residents of Hawkview Blvd., are petitioning regarding neighbourhood safety. We need your help Mr. DiVona. Our goal is to enhance street safety -- we need sidewalks. Being the chair of the Safe City Committee, you understand our strong concern in this matter. The residents have signed the petition below supporting our need for sidewalks.

About Hawkview: Hawkview Boulevard is one of the main Boulevards (arteries) for the Vellore Woods Area. Hawkview connects to several roads such as: Sunview Drive, Vellore Woods Boulevard, Osprey Drive and Timberland Drive. Sadly, there are no sidewalks for such a busy Boulevard.

Current Problem: Children, residents and families are made to walk on the street, vehicles swerve to bypass them; this is completely unsafe. In the winter, there is no safe zone for children or adults to walk. The situation gets worse when the streets are plowed, as the street turns narrow. The icy roads are dangerous for vehicles and even increasingly dangerous for young children to walk on.

Solution: Mr. DiVona, our subdivision is assumed and we desperately need sidewalks on the **south/east-side** of Hawkview Boulevard (opposite the residents' homes on vacant land), **East of Vellore Woods Blvd.** We've attached a map for your review. Please help us get this process started.

Why are sidewalks important:

- Sidewalks provide a safe and level walkway, especially during wet weather and for people using wheelchairs, the elderly, or people pushing a cart or stroller. For these people, it is particularly important that sidewalks have well-designed curb ramps and level driveway crossings.
- Sidewalks provide safe places for children to walk, run, skate, ride their bikes, and play.
- Sidewalks significantly reduce pedestrian collisions with motor vehicles: For instance, one study found that in residential and mixed residential areas, pedestrian crashes were more than two times as likely to occur at locations without sidewalks than would be expected on the basis of exposure.
- Sidewalks improve the ability for people to get around by providing ways for them to get wherever they need to go: work, parks, schools, shopping areas, transit stops, and home.
- Sidewalks enhance the appearance of neighborhoods and the entire community.
- Sidewalks provide separation between motor vehicles and pedestrians.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
The Residents of Hawkview Boulevard

Enclosures: 1. Petition
2. Map



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EyeAlt: 1023m



NOTICE OF PETITION

A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Agenda Item No.: 18
Item Name: HAWKVIEW BLVD. – SIDEWALK REVIEW

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: September 25, 2007
No. of Signatures: 78
Submitted by: Residents of Hawkview Blvd.

For a copy of the petition contact:

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