

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 4, 2008

ROYAL GARDEN BOULEVARD NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE PLAN

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That this report be received for information; and
2. That no further action be taken regarding traffic calming in the Royal Garden Boulevard neighbourhood.

Economic Impact

There are no economic impacts stemming from the recommendations of this report.

Communications Plan

Staff will advise the members of the traffic calming committee of Council's decision.

Purpose

To report on the Royal Garden Boulevard Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Plan proposal.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on April 23, 2007, Council directed:

“Councillor Tony Carella recommends the establishment of a traffic calming committee to review traffic conditions on Royal Garden Boulevard; and to make recommendations for the calming of speeding on this street.”

The Royal Garden Boulevard traffic committee area is comprised of the streets of Royal Garden Boulevard and Ravine Court. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for area map and proposed traffic calming measures.

Public Participation

The initial public meeting of the Royal Garden Neighbourhood Traffic Committee was held on May 29, 2007. Engineering Services Department staff outlined the concept of traffic calming and the types of traffic calming measures available, and explained the City's Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedures. There were 13 residents in attendance and 2 of those residents formed the traffic committee.

The final public meeting was held on November 27, 2007. Engineering Services Department staff introduced the traffic calming proposals for the neighbourhood to the residents in attendance. The meeting was attended by 3 residents, and all 3 residents were opposed to the plan. No members of the traffic calming committee were in attendance. According to the Council approved Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedure, there must be resident support of at least 66.6% in order for the plan to proceed. The threshold support was not achieved at this meeting.

The meetings were advertised in the Vaughan Weekly, Lo Specchio, and the Vaughan Citizen newspapers. The Notice of the meetings was also mailed out to the residents in the defined area for this committee.

Speed Studies

Staff installed Automatic Traffic Recorders on Royal Garden Boulevard from April 17, 2007 through to April 19, 2007. The results are as follows:

	Northbound	Southbound
Daily traffic	237 vehicles	242 vehicles
Average Speed	35 km/h	36 km/h

Staff installed Automatic Traffic Recorders a second time on Royal Garden Boulevard from June 7, 2007 through to June 12, 2007. The results are as follows:

	Northbound	Southbound
Daily traffic	254 vehicles	252 vehicles
Average Speed	33 km/h	35 km/h

Royal Garden Boulevard is a local road with a statutory 50 km/h speed limit. The recorded speeds on Royal Garden Boulevard are well within this limit.

The Royal Garden Traffic Calming Committee had proposed an intersection median on Royal Garden Boulevard west of Pine Valley Drive.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

The Engineering Services Department recommends that the Royal Garden Neighbourhood Traffic Committee plan proposal not be approved, as the Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy & Procedure's requirement of 66.6% resident support was not met.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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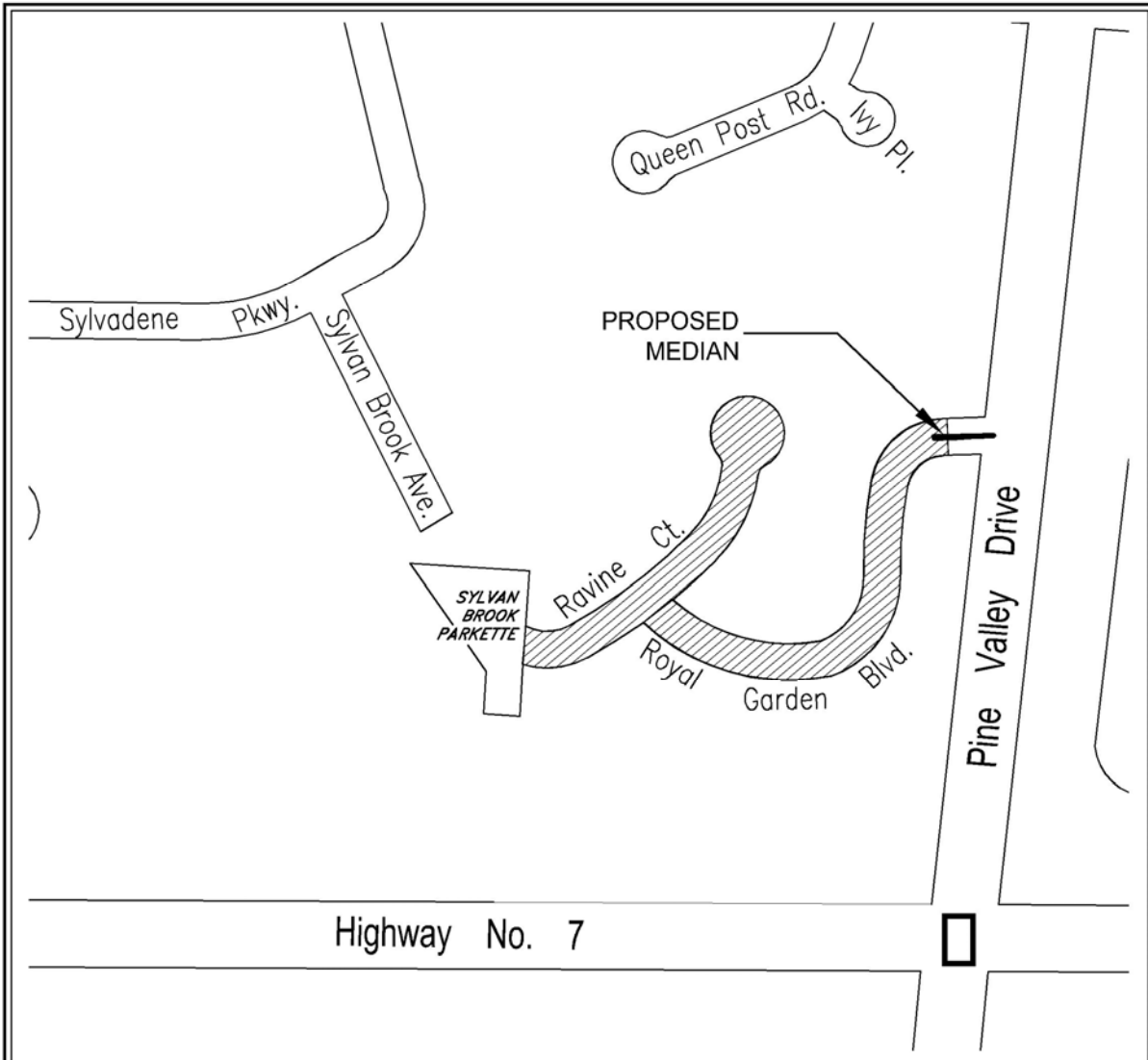
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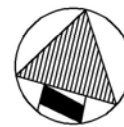
ATTACHMENT No. 1



ROYAL GARDEN BOULEVARD TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW

LEGEND

-  AREA UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS



NOT TO SCALE