

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 20, 2008

ST. CLARE ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARKING CONTROL REVIEW

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30 on the south side of Velmar Drive between the east and west property limits of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the 'No Stopping' prohibition signs would have an initial impact and will be absorbed in the 2008 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be included in future Operating Budgets.

Communications Plan

The Engineering Services staff will contact the residents within the prohibition limits and a School Representative to advise them of Council's decision in this matter.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of the implementation of a "No Parking/No Stopping" prohibition at St. Clare Elementary Catholic School, in response to Council direction.

Background - Analysis and Options

At it's meeting on February 4, 2008, Council directed:

- “1. That the Engineering Department review the installation of 'No Parking/No Stopping' signs only during school hours, specifically 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 at St. Clare Catholic School, 391 Velmar Drive;**
- 2. The By-law Enforcement Services be requested to provide enforcement of the parking activity on Velmar Drive in the vicinity of St. Clare Catholic School; and**
- 3. That the recommendation be brought forward to a future Committee of the Whole meeting”.**

Velmar Drive is a feeder roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way and an existing posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There are two speed humps installed on Velmar Drive; one is installed between Santa Barbara Place and Radley Street and the other is installed east of Woolacott Road. There is an existing crossing guard on the east side of Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place. Velmar Drive and Santa Barbara Place is under all-way stop control; and St. Clare Elementary Catholic School is located on the north side between Velmar Drive/Santa Barbara Place and Velmar Drive/Woolacott Road. Refer to Attachment No.1.

Staff conducted a parking review on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 during the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:00 am, and on Wednesday March 5, 2008 during the time periods of 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School. The weather on these two days was cloudy and the roads were dry. Observations show that vehicles were parked along Velmar Drive on both sides of the roadway in front of the school during the study time periods. Vehicles were parking/stopping, and blocking part of the residential driveways on the south side in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Velmar Drive is an emergency response route and has a road width of 11.5 metres. When vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway, the available travel width is about 5.5 metres between the parked/stopped vehicles. It allows enough space for vehicles to travel in one direction on the roadway and also they would impact the movement of emergency and other service vehicles in front of the school. The parked/stopped vehicles create sightline problems for drivers and pedestrians in this area.

Stopping prohibitions are different than Parking prohibitions as indicated below;

1. "Stop" or "Stopping" when prohibited means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or except in compliance with the directions of a constable or other police officer or of a traffic control signal or sign.
2. "Park" or "Parking" prohibited means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.

The installation of a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Velmar Drive in front of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School will allow emergency and other service vehicles less restricted movement in front of the school and reduce the amount of congestion during the time periods.

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

Based on staff review, it is recommended that 'No Stopping' prohibition signs with the time periods of 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday from September 1 to June 30, be installed on the south side of Velmar Drive between the east and west property lines of St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Enforcement Services Department have been advised of the change and will adjust enforcement activities accordingly on Velmar Drive in the vicinity of the St. Clare Elementary Catholic School.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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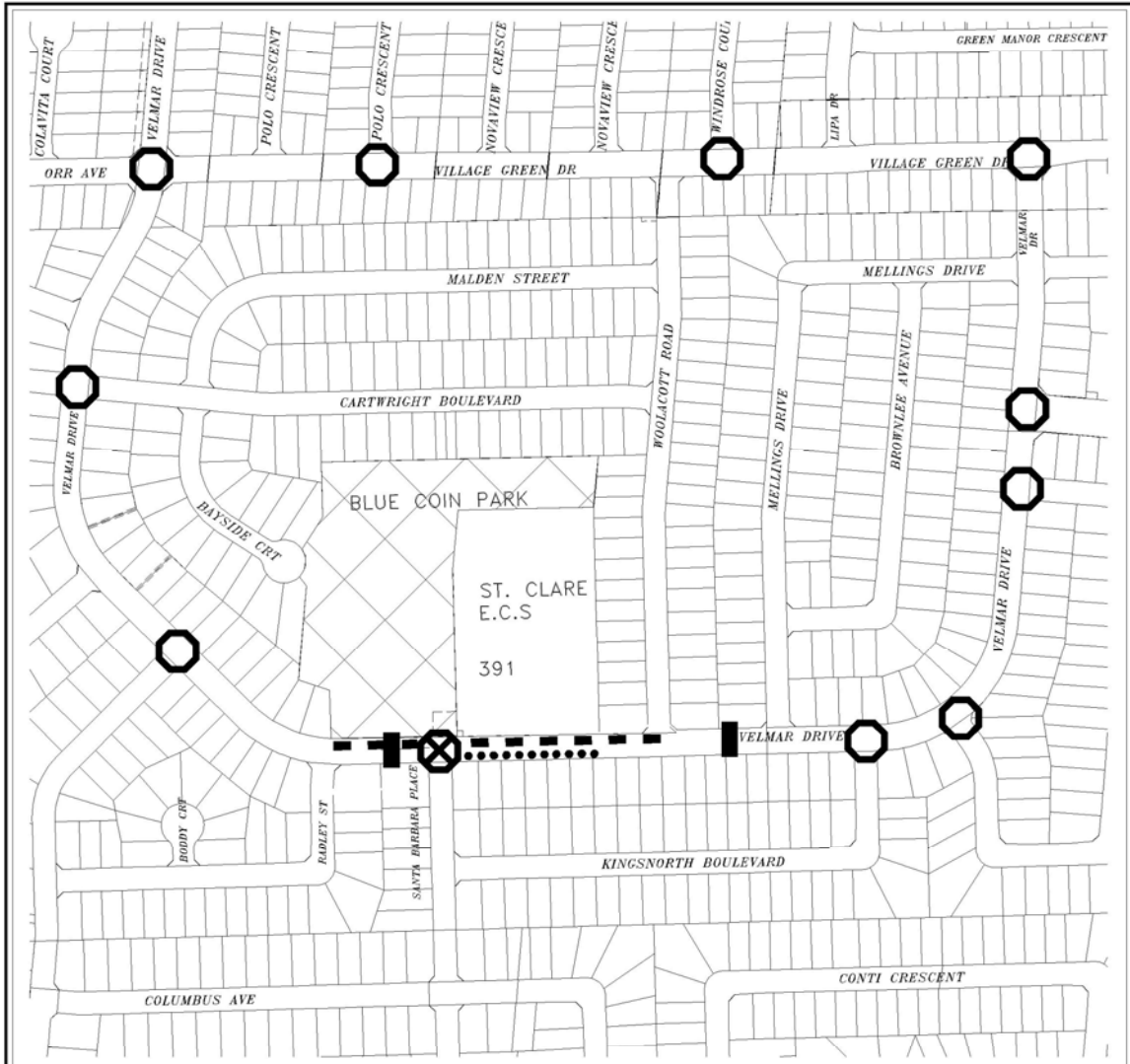
Respectfully submitted,

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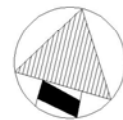
ATTACHMENT No. 1



ST. CLARE E.C.S - 391 VELMAR DRIVE PARKING CONTROL REVIEW

LEGEND

-  SPEED HUMP
-  ALLWAY STOP
-  SUPERVISED SCHOOL CROSSING
-  AREA UNDER REVIEW
-  PROPOSED STOPPING PROHIBITION



NOT TO SCALE

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