

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

VEHICULAR CONTROL ISSUES: FRIULI COURT

Recommendation:

Councillor Carella recommends that

(1) a "No-Parking October 15 to April 15" zone be established along the south side of Friuli Court, from the west end of the middle driveway serving the business premises known as Frini Fine Italian Furniture, to the storm sewer grate located approximately 8 m to the west of the driveway; and

(2) appropriate staff conduct a traffic control study to determine what measures can be taken to better protect seniors residing at the Friuli Centre or Villa Leonardo Gambin from speeding traffic when they choose to cross Friuli Court.

Economic Impact:

All costs relating to these recommendations have been previously budgeted.

Communication Plan:

The ward councillor will inform the principals of Frini Fine Italian Furniture and the residents of Friuli Centre and Villa Leonardo Gambin of these recommendations, if approved.

Purpose:

To respond to requests from a local business and local residents for action in regard to vehicular control issues along Friuli Court.

Background and Analysis:

Frini Fine Italian Furniture is a long-established business located in Woodbridge, at 4600 Steeles Avenue West. Deliveries to the premises are made via a number of loading docks that front onto Friuli Court, a cul-de-sac that runs east from Islington Avenue, immediately north of Steeles Avenue. Two of these loading docks (Nos. 1 and 2) are accessed by means of the middle of three driveways serving Frini Furniture.

During winter months, Friuli Court is considerably narrowed once ploughs have cleared snow to both sides of the roadway. Indeed, at times, when cars are parked along the south side of the roadway immediately to the west of the middle driveway, the turning radius required by transport trucks backing up to loading docks 1 and 2 is insufficient.

As Friuli Court is a public roadway in an employment area, it is incumbent upon the municipality to undertake any reasonable measure which will ensure unrestricted access to business premises by transport vehicles either bringing goods to the premises for sale, or taking them away for delivery to customers. Given that the problem only arises during months when snowfall is likely, the prohibition on parking in the indicated location should be limited to the six months from October 15 to April 15.

With regard to pedestrian issues, the middle portion of the north side of Friuli Court is the location of a major seniors residence (Friuli Centre) as well as a long-term care facility (Villa Leonardardi Gambin). Pedestrians from both of these buildings have frequent occasion to make mid-block crossings of Friuli Court, as the building located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Steeles and Islington Avenue (which backs on to Friuli Court) contains no

less than three social clubs and a variety of retail stores and services.

The eastern end of Friuli Court is given over entirely to a number of employment area uses (e.g., automobile repair, etc.), all of which attract considerable vehicular traffic. As the street curves slightly to the south along its full length, sight lines are less than optimal, aggravating the potential dangers associated with being both a pedestrian (crossing a sometimes busy street) and a senior citizen (crossing a sometimes busy street with less than perfect speed and agility). With this in mind, a traffic control study to determine how best to enhance pedestrian safety is appropriate.

Regional Implications:

Nil

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020:

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

Conclusion:

Vehicular control issues along Friuli Court merit study and action by appropriate staff.

Attachments:

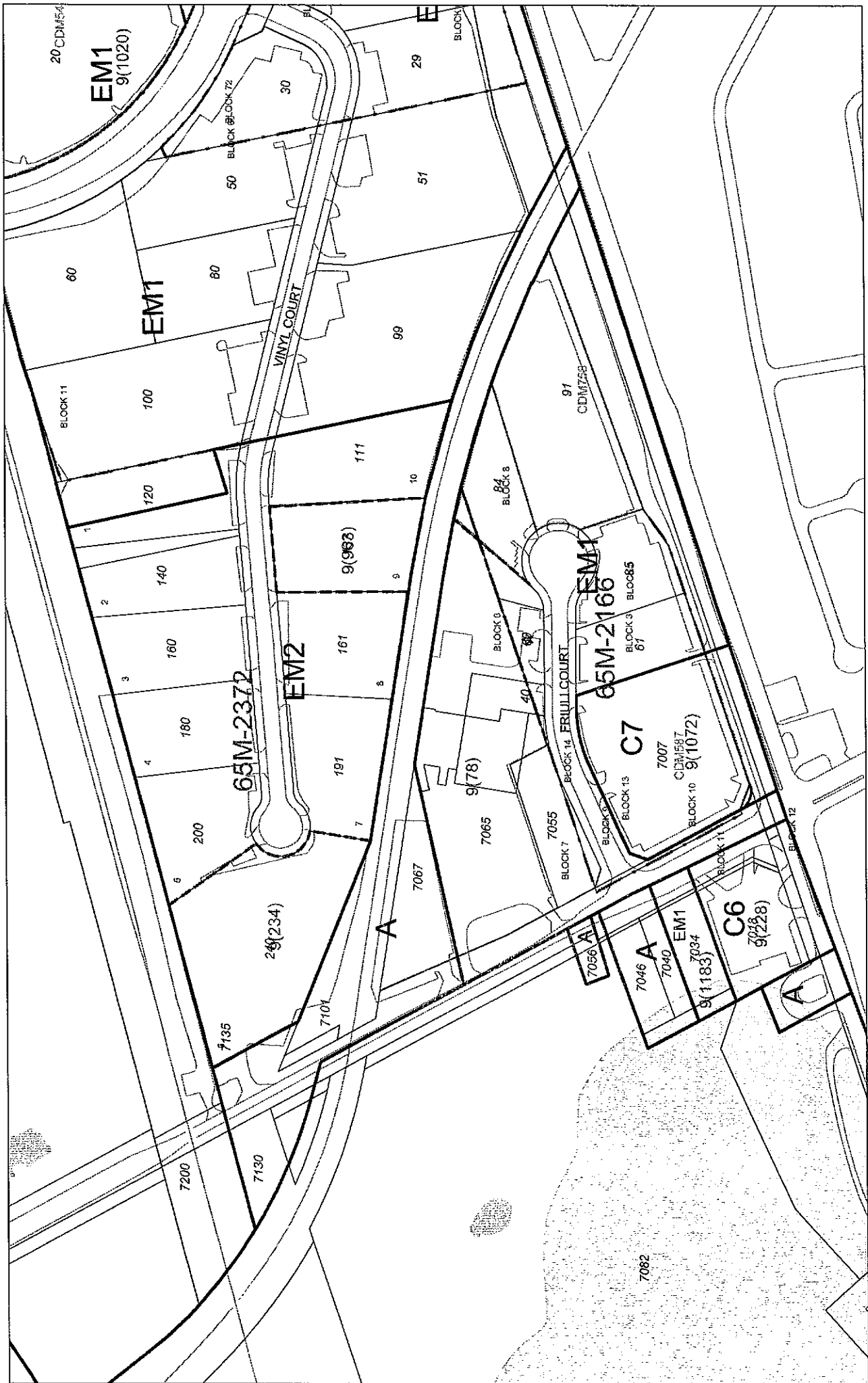
Map showing Friuli Court
Letter requesting "No Parking" zone, from Frini Fine Italian Furniture

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Councillor Carella,


I am writing to request your assistance in solving a problem we are having, relating to on-street parking along Friuli Court, the street facing the rear of our store.

During the winter, when snow is cleared to the sides of the roadway along Friuli Court, the space left for on-street parking is greatly reduced. As a result, when motorists park at certain points along the street, transport trucks delivering freight to two of our loading docks (nos. 1 and 2) that face the middle driveway on the Friuli Court side of our building cannot access the loading area.

To solve this problem, we ask that a small portion of the roadway be designated a 'No Parking' zone; specifically along the south side of Friuli Court, from the west end of the middle driveway (the one that gives direct access to doors nos. 1 and 2), to the storm sewer grate, a length of approximately 25 feet.

Your assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
FRINI FURNITURE



Silvano Marcolini