COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 1, 2008

TRAFFIC ISSUES: PARKFIELD COURT

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that appropriate staff be directed to implement the following initiatives, designed to address traffic and parking control issues along Parkfield Court, Woodbridge:

- 1. The convening by the ward councillor, along with appropriate staff, of a public meeting of local residents to discuss the formation, according to approved procedures, of a local traffic calming committee charged with recommending measures appropriate to the immediate area; and
- 2. The enhanced enforcement of local No Parking/No Stopping provisions.

Economic Impact

Minimal, limited to additional signage only.

Communication Plan

The ward councillor will inform the residents of Parkfield Court, and a side street---Creekwood Court, about these initiatives.

Purpose

To address the concerns of the residents of Parkfield Court about traffic control issues.

Background - Analysis and Options

Parkfield Court is an approximately 300 m long cul-de-sac running north of Regional Road 7 opposite the north/east end of Woodstream Boulevard, in Woodbridge, and ending in a turnaround. A shorter cul-de-sac, Creekwood Court, runs east off Parkfield, to a turnabout overlooking Rainbow Creek Park.

At the northern end of Parkfield Court, a short pedestrian walkway connects the street to the grounds of St. Peter Catholic School. This access point has attracted specific traffic to this otherwise quiet side street---parents or guardians dropping off or picking up pupils who attend the school. This results in the turnaround being crowded with vehicles either parked (while drivers escort their children to or from the school) or stopping---to drop them off or pick them up, notwithstanding the fact that parking/stopping is not permitted in the turnaround. Several signs are already posted in this regard, but with little effect.

Residents of the street also report excessive speeding by some of the same motorists, which the residents view as a threat to the safety of local children.

With the foregoing in mind, Parkfield and Creekwood residents are seeking the remedies

detailed in the recommendation above.

Regional Implications

None

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 20/20

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

Conclusion

The residents of Parkfield and Creekwood Courts have valid concerns which should be addressed by the City of Vaughan.

Attachments

Map of the local area

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Respectfully submitted,

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