

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 23, 2009

PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES: CROFTERS ROAD – WARD 2

Recommendation:

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

1. That the attached petition signed by residents of Crofters Road and adjacent streets in the Woodbridge area be received
2. That the request of the petitioners for stop signs at the intersections of Crofters Road /Alpha Court and at Crofters Road/one end of Harvester Crescent be approved, and
3. That the cost of the raised crosswalk in the vicinity of Our Lady of Fatima School and Crofters Park (WN17) be documented by appropriate staff, and referred to the Budget Committee, for consideration as part of the 2010 budgetary process

Contribution to Sustainability

The traffic control measures listed in the petition will result in slower traffic along Crofters Road, reducing the emission of green house gases, which increase at higher rates of travel.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

Not required at this time.

Purpose

To respond to a petition signed by local residents, requesting the placement of traffic control measures along a portion of Crofter Road, and to determine the cost of the requested raised crosswalk, a traffic calming measure.

Background – Analysis and Options

Crofters Road is a collector street that runs uphill in a northerly direction from Wycliffe Avenue, passing Rossmull Crescent and Kirkhill Place, then levelling off in front of a neighbourhood school (Our Lady of Fatima) and park (Crofters Park, WN17), and finally curving to the west as it passes Alpha Court and both ends of Harvester Crescent just before intersecting Clarence Street, approximately 150 m south of Rutherford Road. While speeding is often an issue along the level portions of the roadway, it is particularly a problem where the street curves--with several accidents involving automobiles jumping the curb and winding up in residents' front yards.

As part of the Wycliffe subdivision, Crofters Road was the subject of a traffic calming exercise that in the end did not command sufficient support from the community to warrant its being recommended to Council. Nevertheless, traffic control initiatives remain a reasonable alternative, particularly along the more dangerous portion of the roadway, the curve in the vicinity of Alpha Court and Harvester Crescent. The appropriateness of a traffic calming measure such as a raised crosswalk can be better determined once costs are determined.

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.

Regional Implications:

None

Attachment:

Petition signed by approximately 65 residents of Crofters Road, Delia Place, Harvester Crescent, Kirkhill Place, and other streets in the general area.

Conclusion:

It is appropriate to support the petitioners' request for the placement of traffic control measures along a curved portion of this collector road, and for the referral of their request for a raised crosswalk in the vicinity of Our Lady of Fatima School and Crofters Park to the Budget Committee, for consideration as part of the 2010 budgetary process.

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Carella, FRSA
Councillor - Ward 2



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.: 65

Item Name: PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES:
CROFTERS ROAD – WARD 2

Particulars of the Petition:

Dated: June 19, 2009

No. of Signatures: 65

Submitted by: RESIDENTS

For a copy of the petition contact:

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