

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

NAYLON STREET ONE-WAY REVIEW WARD 1

Recommendation

Local and Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends:

1. That Engineering Services staff be directed to conduct further traffic studies to determine infiltration rates on Naylon Street, Church Street, Gram Street, Jackson Street, Netherford Road, Goodman Street and Merino Road.
2. That staff hold another community meeting to discuss the results of the study after data collection is complete in the expanded study area and report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting following the community meeting.
3. That signage indicating “Local Traffic Only” be installed at the five entrances to the area.
4. That York Regional Police be requested to strictly and frequently enforce the all-way stop controls in the Historic Maple subdivision.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the “Local Traffic Only” signs will be an impact on the 2009 Operating Budget.

Communications Plan

Staff will advise the community of the public meeting through notices delivered to all homes bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive to the north, Keele Street to the east, Netherford Road and Clemson Road to the west, and Lancer Drive to the south and any roadways that have access via these roads.

Purpose

To expand the study area as requested by attendees at the public meeting that was held on September 22, 2009, at the Maple Community Centre, regarding the Naylon Street One-Way review.

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting on April 14, 2009, Council adopted without amendment:

- “1. Engineering Services Department staff conduct the necessary traffic infiltration, volume, and speed studies to determine the need and justification of making Naylon Street between Jackson Street and Keele Street one-way eastbound in response to resident concerns about traffic infiltration through the community.**
- 2. That following the completion of the engineering studies, a community meeting be convened to consult with the residents about the findings and recommendations; and;**
- 3. That a report be brought to a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the results of the studies, community input and recommendations.”**

The area road network is shown in Attachment 1.

Community Feedback

As directed by Council, staff held a public meeting on September 22, 2009. Forty residents signed the sign-in sheet at the meeting. Of all those in attendance, one resident was in favour of the one-way prohibition.

Staff reported that they received one letter via mail prior to the meeting, this letter stated that they were not in favour of the one-way prohibition.

Staff also advised that they received 11 phone calls prior to the meeting. Of these calls; two residents were in favour of converting Naylor Street into a one-way westbound road; no residents were in favour of a one-way eastbound road; seven residents were in favour of no change, and two did not leave votes.

Staff received emails from five residents. Of these five emails; none were in favour of a one-way westbound; one was in favour of a one-way eastbound; three were in favour of no change, and one did not leave a vote.

Residents on Goodman Crescent were concerned that if Naylor Street was converted to one-way operation, that traffic on their road would increase for two reasons. The first is that they would be the only access for all residents of the subdivision, and the second is that all the vehicles who are currently infiltrating through Naylor Street would now infiltrate through Goodman Crescent.

Residents were concerned about vehicles not stopping at the all-way stops along Naylor Street, Church Street, and Goodman Crescent and asked that York Regional Police be requested to enforce the stop signs.

Residents requested that the study area be expanded to include Goodman Crescent.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020 / Strategic Plan

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

There are no Regional implications resulting from this report.

Conclusion

Staff should be directed to conduct further traffic studies, including infiltration, speed, and volume collection, for Netherford Road, Gram Street, Jackson Street, Naylor Street, and Merino Street. Once data has been collected, another Public Meeting should be held to review results with the community and a report brought to a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding study results and community feedback.

Attachments

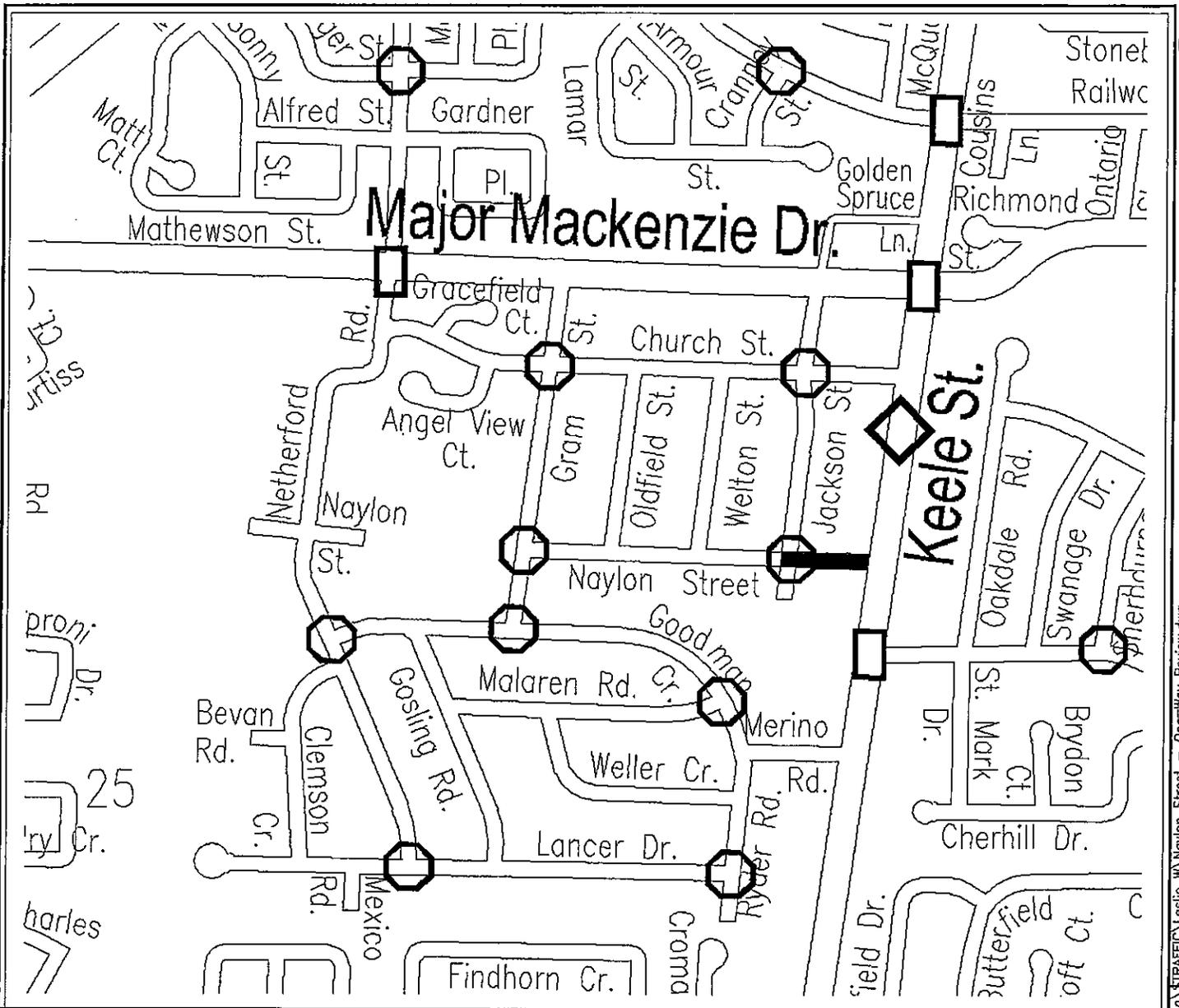
1. Location Map
2. Report from April 14, 2009 Council Meeting

Report prepared by

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati,
Local and Regional Councillor

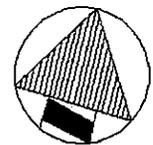
ATTACHMENT No. 1



NAYLON STREET ONE WAY REVIEW

LEGEND

-  ROAD UNDER REVIEW
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL
-  PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL OR HALF SIGNAL



NOT TO SCALE

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

Item 3, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 14, 2009.

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**NAYLON STREET ONE-WAY REVIEW
WARD 1**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Regional Councillor Rosati, dated March 31, 2009:

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends that:

1. Engineering Services Department staff conduct the necessary traffic infiltration, volume and speed studies to determine the need and justification of making Naylon Street between Jackson Street and Keele Street one-way eastbound in response to resident concerns about traffic infiltration through the community;
2. That following the completion of the engineering studies, a community meeting be convened to consult with the residents about the findings and recommendations; and;
3. That a report be brought to a future Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the results of the studies, community input and recommendations.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from this report.

Communications Plan

Following approval of the recommendation of this report and when the study results are available, staff would co-ordinate a meeting of the area residents and the Ward 1 Sub-Committee and distribute notices of the meeting through door-to-door distribution, place an ad in the local papers and posting on the City's web site.

Purpose

To initiate the traffic studies necessary to determine the need and justification for prohibiting west bound traffic on Naylon Street between Keele Street and Jackson Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

Naylon Street is a local residential street intersecting with Keele Street in the Historic Maple Community. The area road network is illustrated in Attachment No. 1.

Northbound drivers on Keele Street wishing to travel west on Major Mackenzie Drive are faced with delays due to queues experienced on Keele Street. Residents on Naylon Street complain that impatient drivers turn left from Keele Street on Naylon Street and infiltrate the community to access Major Mackenzie Drive westbound. The volume of cars travelling through the community has increased and both volume and speeds are concerns to the residents.

Several years ago, Church Street between Jackson Street and Keele Street was converted to a one-way eastbound in order to deal with a problem identical to that being identified by the Naylon Street residents.

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In order to quantify the problem, the infiltration, speed and volume studies should be done to confirm the need for traffic controls. Once completed, the results of these studies and recommendations should be presented to the affected community for input and to obtain concurrence on recommendations.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2020 as it deals with enhancing and ensuring community safety, health & wellness.

Regional Implications

As the elimination of westbound traffic on Naylor Street could impact traffic operations on Keele Street, Region of York approval would be required to implement the prohibition. Engineering Services Department staff will keep Regional Transportation and Works Department staff informed and involved in the necessary studies and will request the Region to review signal timing at the Keele/Major Mackenzie intersection.

Conclusion

Naylor Street residents have expressed concerns regarding traffic infiltration, volumes and speeds in their community resulting from drivers wishing to by-pass the traffic signal at Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Drive. In order to address these concerns, the necessary traffic studies should be conducted to determine the need and justification for westbound traffic prohibitions on Naylor Street between Keele Street and Jackson Street. The area residents should be informed of the findings of these studies and given an opportunity through a community meeting to provide input on the findings and recommendations.

Attachments

1. Area Road Network

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)