

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

PEDESTRIAN LINKAGES IN WEST WOODBRIDGE: FEASIBILITY STUDY – WARD 2

Recommendation:

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

That appropriate staff be directed to conduct a feasibility study with respect to the construction of pedestrian link(s) between Royalpark Avenue and Martin Grove Road.

That such direction, once given, be referred to the Budget Committee for confirmation as part of the 2010 budget cycle.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

Not required at this time.

Purpose

To address the pedestrian safety concerns of nearby residents prompted by the absence of sidewalks on either side of RR 27, both north and south of the CP railway underpass between Martin Grove Road and Royalpark Way.

Background – Analysis and Options

It is the responsibility of local municipalities to construct any sidewalks that may be deemed necessary along regional roads.

Sidewalks have already been constructed along RR 27, from Medallion/Milani Boulevards to Martin Grove Road, a distance of more than two kilometers (2 km). Such sidewalks serve pedestrians living on adjacent west Woodbridge streets who wish to walk along RR 27 to access other locations on Medallion Boulevard, Nickle Gate, Langstaff Road, San Remo Court, and Martin Grove Road, or any of the developing commercial properties along the west side of RR 27.

Another street that pedestrians can take to reach RR 27 is Royalpark Way. However, there is currently no sidewalk serving either side of RR 27, to permit the safe passage of pedestrians from Royalpark Way south along RR 27 to Martin Grove Road, and thus to any streets intersecting RR 27 to the south. The solution that suggests itself is to construct a sidewalk on one or both sides of RR 27, south from Royalpark Way to Martin Grove Road.

While a sidewalk could be accommodated on either side of RR 27 in this area, there is one significant barrier to such construction in the narrowness of the roadway as it passes under the bridge which carries the CP rail line across RR 27. In effect, there is no space whatsoever for a sidewalk on either side of the roadway at this point.

Given the situation, and the pressing need for a pedestrian-safe solution to the absence of any sidewalk along this portion of RR 27, a feasibility study is called for. Hence, this recommendation. Given the constraints regarding the building of a sidewalk that intersects the railway right at the way at Regional Road 27, alternative solutions at this or nearby locations may be called for.

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:

None

Conclusion:

It is appropriate to address a pedestrian safety concern at an especially difficult location by means of a feasibility study that will explore all options.

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Respectfully submitted,

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