COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2010

ROYAL APPIAN CRESCENT -TRAFFIC CALMING & ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

- That staff organize a community meeting with the residents of Royal Appian Crescent, Agostino Crescent and Preston Hill Crescent for the purpose of forming a traffic calming committee;
- 2. That staff investigate sight line issues at the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent, with the possibility of reconstructing the curb at this location accordingly; and
- 3. That staff investigate the construction of a sidewalk link at the northwest corner of the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

Both the work for the sight line issues and the sidewalk link if determined to be necessary will be incorporated into a current Engineering Services contract. As advised by Engineering Services staff, there is only a nominal cost associated with this work and its implementation can be absorbed in the approved budget.

Communications Plan

Staff will circulate a notice of the Traffic Calming Meeting to residents on the affected streets, and advertising will proceed, as per Traffic Engineering policy.

Purpose

To alleviate traffic concerns along Royal Appian Crescent, and to deal with safety issues at the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent.

Background - Analysis and Options

In November of 2009 residents living on Royal Appian Crescent and Agostino Crescent brought forward some issues regarding traffic concerns along Royal Appian Crescent and safety issues at the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent. On November 20, 2009 a site visit was organized between residents of the area, the Director of Engineering Services and the Local Councillor in order to review the residents' concerns and provide feedback.

At the site visit, residents brought forward a concerns impacting pedestrian and vehicular safety at the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent. The safety issues were specifically related to sight line visibility at the stop sign at this intersection and the lack of a sidewalk link at the northwest corner of the intersection to connect the sidewalk on the west side of Agostino Crescent and the north side Royal Appian Crescent, thereby causing safety concerns for pedestrians. Following the site visit, Engineering Services staff identified opportunities to improve some of the existing site conditions, including reconstructing the northwest corner of the intersection to relocate the stop sign location and the addition of a sidewalk link at the northwest corner of the intersection. Engineering Services staff also identified that since the work will be

minor in nature, both these projects could be incorporated into an existing Engineering Services contract for 2010.

Residents would also like to be provided with the opportunity to form a Traffic Calming Committee, as per Engineering policy. Residents were advised to bring a petition forward to begin the process for initiating a traffic calming meeting (Attachment 1).

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

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

Regional Implications

None

Conclusion

It is recommended that staff be directed to investigate improving site conditions at the intersection of Agostino Crescent east leg and Royal Appian Crescent, and that staff organize a community meeting for the purpose of forming a Traffic Calming Committee for the residents of Royal Appian Crescent, Agostino Crescent and Preston Hill Crescent.

Attachments

- 1. Petition from residents on Royal Appian Crescent, Agostino Crescent and Preston Hill Crescent.
- Confirmation from affected homeowners at the intersection of Agostino Crescent and Royal Appian Crescent east leg that they are agreeable to any reconstruction work deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Royal Appian Crescent Road Calming Petition

We, the undersigned, petition the City of Vaughan to install traffic calming measures to Royal Appian Crescent between Confederation Parkway and Agostino Crescent. We all want a safe area to live in and the excessive speeding throughout our neighbourhood needs to be stopped. The high population of families with small children, combined with the reckless driving and excessive speed in the narrow roadway poses a high risk for fatal accidents. As a community we implore the City of Vaughan to take action **before** such a tragedy occurs.

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We would like to inform the City of Vaughan, York Region that the homeowners at the intersection of Royal Appian Cres. & Agostino Cres. approve the reconstruction of the curbs radius on Agostino Cres. S/B so that the <u>STOP SIGN</u> can be moved closer to the intersection for better traffic & pedestrian visibility in both directions on Royal Appian Cres. This approval also includes the placement of (<u>CHILDREN AT PLAY</u>) signs in several locations to protect our children.

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