

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 14, 2011

PARKING PROHIBITION REVIEW ON VIA ROMANO BOULEVARD BETWEEN LADY VALENTINA AVENUE AND SIR FRANCESCO STREET AND LADY VERONICA LANE WARD 4

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a “No Parking” prohibition from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 2:15 pm – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 on the west side of Via Romano Boulevard between Lady Valentina Avenue and Sir Francesco Street/Lady Veronica Lane.

Economic Impact

Sufficient funding for installation of the “No Parking” prohibition signs has been included in the 2011 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be incorporated in future Operating Budgets.

Communication Plan

Engineering Services staff will contact the York Region District School Board and the Principal of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School on the outcome of Council’s decision on this matter.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing a “No Parking” prohibition on the west side of Via Romano Boulevard between Lady Valentina Avenue and Sir Francesco Street/Lady Veronica Lane, in keeping with the consistency of similar parking prohibitions at other schools within the city.

Background - Analysis and Options

Via Romano Boulevard is a primary roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way with an 9.5 metre pavement width. Herbert H. Carnegie Public School is located on the east side of Via Romano Boulevard between Alysha Way and approximately Sweet Emily Court. The existing posted speed limit is 40 km/h for the school zone on Via Romano Boulevard between Dimarino Drive and Sweet Emily Court. There is an existing all-way stop control with a temporary crossing guard (north side) at the intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue. Via Romano Boulevard is also a York Region Transit route. There are existing lay-by lanes on the east side of Via Romano Boulevard from Lady Veronica Lane to approximately Sir Stevens Drive.

A parking review was conducted on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, between 7:45 am - 8:45 am, 11:55 am - 12:55 pm and 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, to determine if on-street parking warrants installing a parking prohibition. The study was conducted on Via Romano Boulevard from Lady Valentina Avenue to Sir Francesco Street/Lady Veronica Lane. The results have been summarized in the following:

Time periods	Road side	From Lady Valentina Ave to Alysha Way	From Alysha Way to Sir Francesco St	Total Parked Vehicles
7:45 am – 8:45 am	East	2	3	5
	West	1	2	3
11:55 am – 12:45 pm	East	2	0	2
	West	2	0	2
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	East	6	4	10
	West	4	2	6

Based on staff's observations, there were a total of 28 vehicles parked on the west side of the roadway from Lady Valentina Avenue to Sir Francesco Street/Lady Veronica Lane during the study time periods. Drivers dropping off or picking up students, primarily used the lay-by lanes in front of the school on the east side of Via Romano Boulevard. When the lay-by lanes were full, drivers were observed parking on the west side of Via Romano Boulevard. Some of the students crossed the street with the crossing guard, while others crossed the street between the parked vehicles on the west side of Via Romano Boulevard (while accompanied by an adult).

Parking on both sides of the street may impede the travel of large vehicles such as emergency vehicles, YRT and school buses. Pedestrians, particularly small children who cross between parked vehicles on the west side may not be seen by approaching motorists. Based on the review, it would be beneficial to install "No Parking" prohibition signs to improve the traffic flow in front of the school as well as pedestrian safety.

Engineering Services Staff did notice that several motorists would park their vehicles close to the school's north driveway which is part of the intersection of Via Romano Blvd and Alysha Way. These vehicles may cause sight line problems for drivers exiting the school driveway and may impede the movement of school buses. Arrangements were made to install "No Parking Anytime" signs on both sides of the school's north driveway (up to 30 metres of this intersection). This prohibition can be implemented by staff under the Comprehensive Parking By-law 1-96.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommendations of this report will assist in:

- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness ; and
- Lead and Promote to Environmental Sustainability.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Based on Engineering Services staff's review, it is recommended that a "No Parking" prohibition be implemented from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 2:15 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 on the west side of Via Romano Boulevard between Lady Valentina Avenue and Sir Francesco Street/Lady Veronica Lane. The proposed time prohibitions reflect the school's arrival and departure times.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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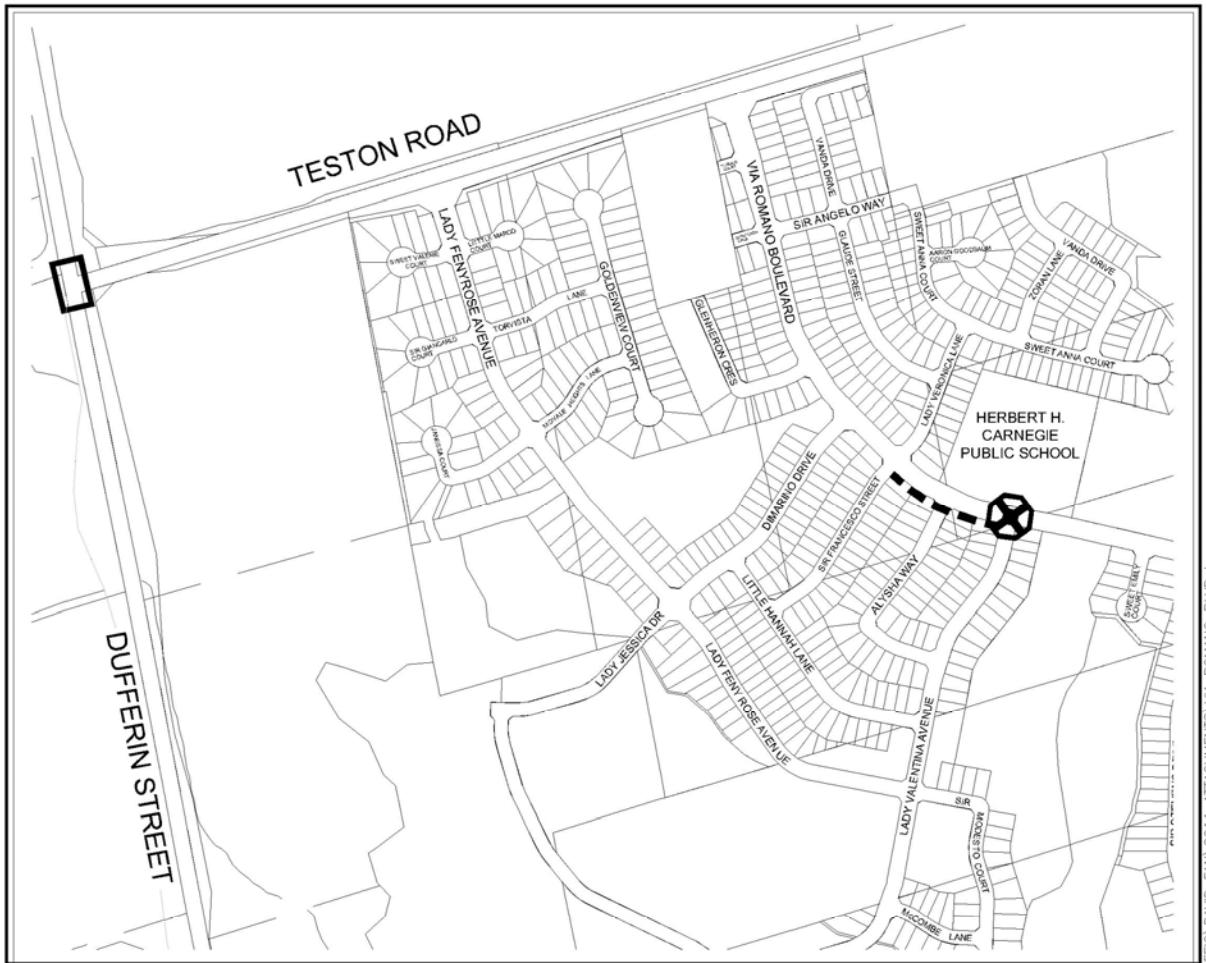
Respectfully submitted,

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

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PARKING PROHIBITION REVIEW VIA ROMANO BOULEVARD

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED "NO PARKING" PROHIBITION
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL
-  EXISTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD



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