

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

STOPPING PROHIBITION REVIEW EAGLE ROCK WAY 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 “No Stopping Anytime” prohibitions on Eagle Rock Way, within the cul-de-sac and along the south side approaching the designated bus stop and beyond the designated bus stop to a point 85 metres east of the westerly end of the cul-de-sac.

Contribution to Sustainability

The installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” prohibitions either side of the existing designated bus stop on Eagle Rock Way will promote and improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in this area while ensuring appropriate levels of service are achieved by York Region Transit (YRT) and GO Transit, thereby minimizing single occupant vehicle trips in Vaughan. The installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” prohibition is consistent with Green Directions Vaughan Goal #3: “To ensure that Vaughan is a City that is easy to get around with a low environmental impacts.” More particularly, this installation would advance Objective 3.2: “To develop and sustain a network of roads that supports efficient and accessible public and private transit.”

Economic Impact

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

Communication Plan

YRT has been notified that the report will be submitted for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on September 13, 2011. Engineering Services staff will contact the YRT on the outcome of Council’s decision on this matter.

Purpose

To respond to a request from YRT to assist in improving service for Vaughan residents using local and commuter transit services to access the GO Train station.

Background - Analysis and Options

Engineering Services staff received a request from York Region Transit regarding safety concerns within the cul-de-sac at the westerly terminus Eagle Rock Way. The radius of the cul-de-sac on Eagle Rock Way is 17.0 metres. There exists a bus stop and passenger interface with the adjacent GO Station along the southern curb of the cul-de-sac on Eagle Rock Way. Parking is already prohibited within 6 metres of a point designated as a bus stop under By-law 1-96. YRT and GO buses use the cul-de-sac to turn, and stop at the bus stop to pick up/drop off passengers. The largest bus servicing this location is 13.7 metres long, with a turning radius of 14 metres. Bus drivers have difficulty manoeuvring around the cul-de-sac when other vehicles are stopped within this general area.

Introduction of "No Stopping Anytime" prohibitions on either side of the designated bus stop would ensure that YRT and GO Transit can safely approach the bus stop, thereby enhancing vehicular and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Go Station entrance on Eagle Rock Way.

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 meeting the City's objectives to:

- 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

The implementation of "No Stopping Anytime" prohibitions on Eagle Rock Way within the cul-de-sac and on either side of the existing bus stop, will improve YRT bus access in this area.

Conclusion

Based on Engineering Services staff's review, it is recommended that "No Stopping Anytime" prohibitions be implemented on Eagle Rock Way within the cul-de-sac, and along the south side approaching the designated bus stop, and beyond the designated bus stop to a point 85 metres east of the westerly end of the cul-de-sac.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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