

COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

WARD 4 SCHOOLS – PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff investigate the need for and feasibility of a pedestrian signal along Glen Shields Avenue in the vicinity of Glen Shields Public School and Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School;
2. That staff investigate the need for and feasibility of a pedestrian signal or crosswalk along New Westminster Drive in the vicinity of St. Elizabeth Catholic High School; and
3. That staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting in December 2006 with their findings.

Economic Impact

N/A.

Purpose

To deal with ongoing safety issues along both Glen Shields Avenue and New Westminster Drive in the vicinity of both schools.

Background - Analysis and Options

Glen Shields Avenue is a feeder roadway extending from Dufferin Street, just north of Steeles Avenue to Dufferin Street, just south of Centre Street. During AM and PM peak times, Glen Shields Avenue experiences a lot of through traffic, as well as a lot of drop-off and pick-up traffic at the two schools. School officials have contacted our office to express their concern over the children when crossing Glen Shields Avenue during AM and PM drop-off and pick-up times. Due to the high volume of traffic utilizing Glen Shields Avenue, it is difficult for pedestrians to cross Glen Shields Avenue safely during these peak times.

Similarly, New Westminster Drive is a primary roadway extending from Steeles Avenue to Bathurst Street. Following a School Council meeting held on September 27, 2006, the local school trustee contacted our office to request if a crosswalk or pedestrian signal could be installed on New Westminster Drive as a safety measure for students when crossing New Westminster Drive. As this is a high traffic roadway, a crosswalk or pedestrian signal in the vicinity of the St. Elizabeth Catholic High School driveway would be a safety measure for the students when crossing along New Westminster Drive.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 – Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

A-5 – Plan & Manage Growth

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

Conclusion

In light of ongoing safety concerns and the high volume of traffic on both Glen Shields Avenue and New Westminster Drive, it would be appropriate to investigate the need for and feasibility of a pedestrian signal on Glen Shields Avenue and a pedestrian signal or crosswalk on New Westminster Drive in the vicinity of the schools.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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