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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION VARIOUS LOCATIONS TOWNS OF EAST GWILLIMBURY, RICHMOND HILL AND WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, December 13, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on the east side of Leslie Street (Y.R. 12), from 220 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road (Y.R. 13) to 300 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road, in the Town of East Gwillimbury.
2. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49), from 300 metres east of the east limit of Leslie Street (Y.R. 12) to 300 metres west of the west limit of Leslie Street (Y.R. 12), in the Town of Richmond Hill.
3. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Leslie Street (Y.R. 12), from the south limit of Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49) to 300 metres south of the south limit of Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49), in the Town of Richmond Hill.
4. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40), from 250 metres east of the east limit of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65) to 350 metres west of the west limit of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
5. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-laws.
6. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police, for enforcement as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone in three separate geographic areas to assist by-law staff of local municipalities to prohibit vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders of Regional roads. Vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders in

close proximity of live traffic lanes create safety concerns for pass-by traffic and residents of the area.

The first location (*see Attachment 1*) is in the vicinity of a daycare facility and proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on the east side of Leslie Street, from 220 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road to 300 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road, in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

The second location (*see Attachment 2*) is in the vicinity of a commercial development and recreation centre and proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Elgin Mills Road, from 300 metres east of the east limit of Leslie Street to 300 metres west of the west limit of Leslie Street *and* a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Leslie Street, from the south limit of Elgin Mills Road to 300 metres south of the south limit of Elgin Mills Road, in the Town of Richmond Hill.

The third location (*see Attachment 3*) is in the vicinity of an elementary public school and proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Bloomington Road, from 250 metres east of the east limit of Warden Avenue to 350 metres west of the west limit of Warden Avenue, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

These “No Stopping Anytime” zones will assist by-law enforcement staff of the local municipalities in prohibiting vehicles from stopping on the shoulder of Regional roads.

A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such “No Stopping Anytime” zone can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

On Leslie Street in Sharon, parents and residents of the area use the boulevard to park while dropping off children at the daycare. These vehicles are then blocking the view of motorists exiting the driveway of the daycare facility. The sight lines from this daycare are already somewhat limited. The parking on the boulevard further restricts the sight lines and creates potential hazards which may increase the potential for collisions on Leslie Street.

Concerns have been raised by local residents and motorists regarding dump trucks parking on both sides of Elgin Mills and Leslie Street in Richmond Hill. These dump trucks are also causing conflicts with drivers travelling on these roads, resulting in traffic safety concerns. In addition to the noise created by unnecessary idling of trucks, litter is left in the area after these truck drivers leave to continue on their routes.

Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding dump trucks parking on both sides of Bloomington Road in front of the public school located on the north side of Bloomington Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville. These dump trucks are also causing

conflicts with drivers travelling on Bloomington Road, and resulting in a traffic safety concern. In addition to the traffic concerns, representatives of the school have raised concerns due to idling of trucks and their drivers creating litter on the shoulder of the road.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Regional roads where these “No Stopping Anytime” zones are to be implemented are essentially two lanes, undivided arterial roadways that carry, on average, a range of 10,600 to 24,900 vehicles per day. “No Stopping Anytime” zones are often implemented on Regional roads in areas where parking of vehicles occurs on a regular and continuing basis. To address the traffic safety concerns in these areas, it is proposed that “No Stopping Anytime” zones be implemented.

The “No Stopping Anytime” zones will be signed and monitored by the Region with enforcement carried out through the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville by-law enforcement staff. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville, with a request to carry out enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” signs are included within the 2007 Roads Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill, and Whitchurch-Stouffville will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Local municipal staff have been consulted and agree to the implementation of these “No Stopping Anytime” regulations. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the by-law enforcement staff of the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the local municipalities.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping along these Regional roads, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed. The local

municipality's by-law enforcement officers, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Richmond Hill, and Whitchurch-Stouffville and York Regional Police.

For more information on this report contact Brian Harrison, Director of Operations of the Roads Branch in the Transportation and Works Department at extension 5205.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the January 10, 2007 Committee meeting.)