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TURNING RESTRICTION EXEMPTION FOR BUSES MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE AT FRANK ENDEAN ROAD BAYVIEW AVENUE AT FERN AVENUE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, December 17, 2003, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The existing through restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) and Frank Endean Road and the existing right turn restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34) and Fern Avenue be amended to exempt buses.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill and to the Chief of Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report has been prepared in response to a request from Stock Bus Lines and Town of Richmond Hill staff to consider a bus exemption to the existing through restriction at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Frank Endean Road and the existing southbound right turn restriction at the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Fern Avenue in the Town of Richmond Hill. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before the exemption can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Regional staff received a request from Stock Bus Lines and Town of Richmond Hill staff to exempt buses from the existing through restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Frank Endean Road and the existing right turn restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Fern Avenue. An

exemption was requested because these streets form part of the daily school bus and York Region Transit bus route for pick-up and drop-off of passengers.

The restrictions were the result of concerns brought forward by area residents at both locations with regards to traffic infiltrating during the weekday morning peak period, as well as on the weekends which was partly due to congestion occurring on Major Mackenzie Drive and on Bayview Avenue.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Stock Bus Lines and staff from the Town of Richmond Hill requested Regional staff to consider an exemption for buses to the existing through restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Frank Endean Road and the existing right turn restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Fern Avenue. Regional staff has reviewed these requests and has no objection to the exemption.

A copy of this report should be sent to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill and to the Chief of Police for their information.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the necessary signage will be incurred within the 2004 Business Plan and Budget for the Roads Transportation Branch.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Town of Richmond Hill and local residents requested turning restrictions at the intersections of Major Mackenzie Drive and Frank Endean Drive and Bayview Avenue and Fern Avenue to resolve “through traffic” issues.

Stock Bus Lines has requested an exemption to the restriction as these roads form part of their daily school bus route for the pick-up and drop-off of passengers. Town of Richmond Hill staff concurs with the recommendation.

7. CONCLUSION

In response to a request from Stock Bus Lines, it is proposed that an exemption for buses to the existing through restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday for southbound traffic at the

intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Frank Endean Road and the existing right turn restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday for southbound traffic at the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Fern Avenue be implemented. The exemption is to allow the continuation of the use of these streets as a daily school bus route. Town of Richmond Hill staff concurs with the recommendation.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing has been forwarded to each Member of Council with the January 7, 2004 Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)