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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION KEELE STREET, CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, November 18, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on the west side of Keele Street (Y.R. 6), from the south limit of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) to the north limit of Sherwood Park Drive, in the City of Vaughan.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on the west side of Keele Street, from the south limit of Rutherford Road to the north limit of Sherwood Park Drive. This zone is intended to eliminate vehicles from stopping in the southbound right turn lane at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive to access the commercial plaza located on the southwest corner of Rutherford Road and Keele Street. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such no stopping zone can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

The community of Sherwood Park Drive has expressed concerns with regards to vehicles stopping in the southbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive to access the commercial plaza located on the southwest corner of Rutherford Road and Keele Street. These stopped vehicles obstruct the sight lines for eastbound drivers exiting Sherwood Park Drive, thereby creating the potential for conflicts and collisions with vehicles travelling southbound on Keele Street.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Keele Street is a four-lane, undivided arterial roadway that carries an average of 22,000 vehicles per day. The physical characteristics of this area include commercial developments on all four corners of the intersection of Keele Street and Rutherford Road. The residential community of Sherwood Park Drive is located on the west side of Keele Street, south and west of the commercial development. The speed limit throughout this section of Keele Street is 50-km per hour.

To address the traffic safety concerns in this area, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on the west side of Keele Street be established, from the south limit of Rutherford Road to the north limit of Sherwood Park Drive. The “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by The Regional Municipality of York with enforcement carried out through the By-law staff for the City of Vaughan. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” By-law to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and Chief of York Regional Police, 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 is included within the 2005 Roads Program Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the City of Vaughan will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the By-law Enforcement staff of the City of Vaughan. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional By-laws, the revenues will be retained by the City of Vaughan.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping in the southbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Keele Street and Sherwood Park Drive, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed on the west side of Keele Street, from the south limit of Rutherford Road to the north limit of Sherwood Park Drive. By-law Enforcement staff of the City of Vaughan, 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 City of Vaughan and Chief of York Regional Police.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the Agenda for the November 30, 2005 Committee meeting.)