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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, January 21, 2004, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Keele Street (Y.R. 6), from Teston Road (Y.R. 49) to 500 metres south, in the City of Vaughan.
1. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
2. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Keele Street from Teston Road to 500 metres south, to prohibit vehicles from stopping/parking on the shoulders and obstructing the sight lines of approaching motorists and prevent further damage to the existing gravel shoulders. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such no stopping area can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Keele Street, south of Teston Road, is a four-lane, rural arterial roadway with gravel shoulders that carries an average of 8,500 vehicles per day. The posted speed limit on this section of Keele Street is 70-km per hour.

The adjacent land use is a mixture of agriculture and industrial developments with direct access. Operators of large commercial vehicles are queuing in the shoulders along Keele Street, from Teston Road to the south to access the industrial developments. These vehicles are creating both safety concerns by limiting sight visibility and maintenance issues.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Vehicles that stop/park on Keele Street, south of Teston Road, obstruct the sight lines of motorists exiting the commercial units along Teston Road. This creates a potential for angle collisions. In addition, the gravel shoulders incur damage from the heavy vehicles parking on them and create maintenance problems.

To address the potential safety concerns and the ongoing maintenance issues, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone be implemented on both sides of Keele Street, from Teston Road to 500 metres south.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installations of the “No Stopping Anytime” signs are included within the proposed 2004 Roads Transportation Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the City of Vaughan by-law staff shall be requested to enforce the new by-law and 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. The City of Vaughan has been consulted and agreed to the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on Keele Street. This action is in accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, with revenues to be retained by the City of Vaughan.

7. CONCLUSION

To address safety concerns regarding vehicles parking on both sides of Keele Street, from Teston Road to 500 metres south, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed. 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 a copy of this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and the Chief of York Regional Police.

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 February 4, 2004 Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)