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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, March 31, 2004, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The existing “No Stopping Anytime” zone from the south limit of Highway 7 to 200 metres south on both sides of Keele Street (Y.R.6), be extended, from 200 metres south of Highway 7 (Y.R.7), to the north limit of Jardin Drive.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepares the necessary by-law.
3. A copy of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk 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 200 metres south of Highway 7 (Y.R.7), to the north limit of Jardin Drive, to prohibit large commercial vehicles from stopping along Keele Street, to access an existing coffee shop. These vehicles are impeding traffic flow along Keele Street, and obstructing the sight lines of approaching motorists. 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

Regional staff were advised by the City of Vaughan, of a safety concern with vehicles stopping along Keele Street, in front of an existing coffee shop.

Large commercial vehicles are stopping in the curb lane along Keele Street, between Rockview Gardens and Jardin Drive, to access the coffee shop in the north east corner at the intersection of Keele Street and Jardin Drive. These vehicles create both safety and capacity constraints by limiting sight visibility and impeding traffic flow along Keele Street.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Keele Street, south of Highway 7, is a seven lane heavily travelled arterial roadway with an average of 42,000 vehicles per day. The posted speed limit on this section of Keele Street is 60 km per hour. The adjacent land use is a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial developments with direct access onto Keele Street.

The large commercial vehicles that are stopping on Keele Street, between Rockview Gardens and Jardin Drive, obstruct the sight lines of motorists exiting the commercial plaza and residential streets along Keele Street and impede traffic flow. These stopped vehicles increase the potential for angle collisions and traffic congestion.

To address the potential safety and traffic flow concerns, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone be implemented, on both sides of Keele Street.

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. 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 large commercial vehicles stopping on both sides of Keele Street, Regional staff recommend that the existing “No Stopping Anytime” zone from the south limit of Highway 7 to 200 metres south on both sides of Keele Street (Y.R.6), be extended, from 200 metres south of Highway 7 (Y.R.7), to the north limit of Jardin 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 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 April 7, 2004 Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)