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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION OLD HOMESTEAD ROAD TOWN OF GEORGINA

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, April 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 Old Homestead Road (Y.R. 79), from 100 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) to 300 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8), in the Town of Georgina.
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 Georgina and the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Old Homestead Road, from 100 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue to 300 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue to prohibit vehicles from stopping/parking on the shoulders and obstructing the sight lines of approaching motorists and restricting access to and from the driveways of residents along Old Homestead Road. 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 received a request from staff of the Town of Georgina, regarding a restriction in visibility when local residents are exiting their driveways. Motorists park their vehicles on both sides of Old Homestead Road while shopping at a garden centre located just east of Woodbine Avenue. These vehicles block driveways, which restricts not only access to and from adjacent residences, but also limits the ability to see vehicles travelling on Old Homestead Road.

Old Homestead Road is a two-lane rural arterial roadway with residential properties on both sides and a commercial access on the south side. The average daily traffic volume is approximately 1,450 vehicles. The posted speed limit is 70-km per hour. Parking is currently permitted on both sides of Old Homestead Road in front of the commercial and

residential properties. This restriction will only prohibit stopping in the vicinity of the residential properties.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Vehicles parking along Old Homestead Road, while shopping at a garden centre located on Old Homestead Road just east of Woodbine Avenue, block driveways which restricts not only access to and from adjacent residences, but also limits the ability to see vehicles travelling on Old Homestead Road. The proposed “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of the road would improve the ability of motorists exiting driveways to see approaching vehicles and allow unrestricted access to and from driveways in case of an emergency. Parking will still be allowed in front of the commercial establishment should there be an overflow from the parking lot within the facility.

To address the safety concerns, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Old Homestead Road, from 100 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue to 300 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue. The “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by Regional staff with enforcement carried out through the by-law staff from the Town of Georgina. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward a copy of this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Georgina with a request to carryout enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone.

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 Town of Georgina by-law staff should be requested to enforce the new by-law. The Town of Georgina will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

While the implementation of the proposed new Regional regulation to address the establishment of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Old Homestead Road has no direct impact on the local municipality. The Town of Georgina staff has agreed to carry out the enforcement of the new by-law. This action is in accordance with an agreement under the Provincial Offences Act for enforcement of Regional by-laws with revenues to be retained by the Town of Georgina.

7. CONCLUSION

To address the limited visibility created by parked vehicles along Old Homestead Road, it is recommended that a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation be established on both sides of Old Homestead Road, from 100 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue to 300 metres east of the east limit of Woodbine Avenue. By-law staff of the Town of Georgina, in accordance with agreements under the Provincial Offences Act, 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 Town of Georgina 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 May 5, 2004 Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)