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CANADIAN OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
ANGUS GLEN GOLF CLUB
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS
TOWN OF MARKHAM

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, May 31, 2007, from the General Manager, Roads:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council authorize the temporary closure of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), between Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25) and Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49), during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, inclusive, for the 2007 Canadian Open occurring at the Angus Glen Golf Club.
2. Temporary all-day parking prohibitions be authorized for both sides of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3), and McCowan Road (Y.R. 67), between 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) and Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49), Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49), between Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65) and Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3), and Major Mackenzie Drive (Y.R. 25), between Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65) and McCowan Road (Y.R. 67), from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, inclusive, for the 2007 Canadian Open occurring at the Angus Glen Golf Club.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
4. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Markham, Chief of York Regional Police and to the Angus Glen Golf Club.

2. PURPOSE

This report seeks Regional Council authorization for the temporary road closure, to through traffic, on Warden Avenue, from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, inclusive, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the vicinity of the Angus Glen Golf Club to address the traffic control requirements for the 2007 Canadian Open.

It also proposes temporary parking restrictions along Regional roads, from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, inclusive.

3. BACKGROUND

The Angus Glen Golf Club is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Kennedy Road. The 2007 Canadian Open Golf Tournament is scheduled to take place from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007. This tournament is expected to generate 12,000 vehicles per day to the golf club. During Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, visitors will be accessing a parking area off Warden Avenue, which will require the temporary road closure to through traffic on Warden Avenue. To accommodate this traffic, staff considered a request from the organizers to temporarily close Warden Avenue adjacent to the Angus Glen Golf Club. In addition, to help manage the additional traffic in the area, staff also considered the implementation of parking restrictions.

In September 2000, Regional Council adopted a revised policy for the temporary closure of Regional roads for special events. The policy authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation and Works to close roads for a short duration, provided that there is no major impact on traffic flows. The requirements for road closure for the 2007 Canadian Open at the Angus Glen Golf Club exceed the conditions set out in the Region's policy.

In 2002, Angus Glen Golf Club hosted the Bell Canadian Open and similar road closures and parking restrictions were authorized by Regional Council for the event.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Staff recently met with event organizers from the Angus Glen Golf Club to discuss the traffic control requirements necessary for the 2007 Canadian Open Golf Tournament scheduled to take place from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007. A temporary road closure, to through traffic, on Warden Avenue adjacent to the golf club, for Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. is required. Parking restrictions are also required on some roads for the four day event to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic. The event organizers will be required to submit applications for permits and a traffic management plan for approval. See *Attachment 1* for the location of the temporary road closure and parking restrictions.

An analysis was undertaken to determine the location and extent of the road closure in consideration of the following factors:

- Existing background traffic volumes in the vicinity of the golf course.
- Expected number of vehicles generated by the event.
- Forecasted distribution of the event generated trips based upon previous similar events.
- Location of existing and proposed parking lots.

- Required detour routes.

A temporary parking lot will be used on Warden Avenue accommodating approximately 6,500 vehicles. As these vehicles will arrive and disperse within relatively short time frames, the closure of Warden Avenue, to through traffic, between Major Mackenzie Drive and Elgin Mills Road is required. This will allow traffic to be in two lanes inbound in the morning and two lanes outbound in the evening and is critical in the development of the event's traffic management plan.

The required time frame for the temporary closure exceeds the conditions within the Regional policy for similar special events. As a result, Regional Council is required to approve the temporary closure of Warden Avenue, from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Event organizers have committed to obtaining the necessary police presence and signage to safely execute these closures.

A traffic management plan has been prepared that identifies the temporary road closure, access requirements, vehicle and pedestrian flows, signage, detour routes and areas of responsibility.

The Angus Glen Golf Club will be responsible for advertising the temporary road closure in the local newspapers, notifying the affected residents and placing signs on all roads at least two weeks in advance of the closure. These signs will advise the travelling public of the proposed road closure and the detour routes. Emergency services, school boards and bussing companies will also be notified.

To accommodate the parking requirements for this event, temporary parking facilities will be implemented in the open field on Warden Avenue. For the duration of the event, it is recommended that parking restrictions should be implemented on Warden Avenue, Kennedy Road, and McCowan Road, between 16th Avenue and Elgin Mills Road, Elgin Mills Road, between Warden Avenue and Kennedy Road, and Major Mackenzie Drive, between Warden Avenue and McCowan Road.

The Town of Markham's by-law enforcement office should be notified of these temporary parking restrictions with a request to enforce them as their resources permit. As a result, the Regional Clerk should forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Markham.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. Event organizers from the Angus Glen Golf Club will provide for the necessary signage, police resources and other traffic control requirements.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

This high profile event will draw tourists and local residents into the Markham community. The proposed temporary road closure and parking restrictions will assist in minimizing the impacts of traffic congestion to other areas of the Town. Regional staff discussed the closure with the Town of Markham staff who concur with the proposal.

7. CONCLUSION

The 2007 Canadian Open Golf Tournament is scheduled to take place at the Angus Glen Golf Club from Thursday, July 26, 2007 to Sunday, July 29, 2007. The Angus Glen Golf Club is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Kennedy Road, in the Town of Markham.

The event is expected to generate 12,000 vehicles per day to the club during this time period.

To ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic of this event, in the Town of Markham, it is proposed that the temporary closure of Warden Avenue adjacent to the Angus Glen Golf Club be approved. Additionally, temporary parking restrictions on Warden Avenue, McCowan Road and Kennedy Road, between 16th Avenue and Elgin Mills Road, as well as Elgin Mills Road and Major Mackenzie Drive, between Warden Avenue and Kennedy Road, for the noted dates of the event are also proposed. The event organizers are responsible for all necessary traffic control and associated costs.

For more information on this report, contact Brian Harrison, Director, Operations, Roads Branch at extension 5205 in the Transportation and Works Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 13, 2007 Committee meeting.)