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KING HIGH DRIVE CLOSURE
CITY OF VAUGHAN

(Regional Council at its meeting on September 22, 2005 amended the following Clause by

Clause 15 be amended by deleting the Committee recommendation and adopting the staff recommendations relating to the closure of King High Drive at Dufferin Street.)

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the Region of York implement a southbound left-turn prohibition at the intersection of Dufferin Street and King High Drive between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The proposal by the City of Vaughan to close King High Drive at Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53), in the City of Vaughan, be supported by Regional Council.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan.

2. PURPOSE

This report is to seek Regional Council support on the proposal by the City of Vaughan to close King High Drive at its intersection with Dufferin Street.

3. BACKGROUND

King High Drive is a local residential street located north of Centre Street in the City of Vaughan. King High Drive connects with Dufferin Street at an un-signalized “tee” intersection. King High Drive converts to Concord Road and together they provide a connection to Centre Street, avoiding the busy intersection of Dufferin Street and Centre Street. The volume of traffic on King High Drive has increased as a result. In conjunction with a local area traffic committee, several measures have been investigated to aid in traffic calming on this residential street.

The City of Vaughan has sent a Council recommendation (*Attachment 2*) to the Region to review the feasibility of closing King High Drive at Dufferin Street, or consider the

implementation of a southbound left turn prohibition at the intersection between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., on week-days.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The implementation of turning prohibitions requires appropriate signage and by-laws. A key component to make the prohibition effective is proper enforcement. Past practice demonstrates that compliance to these prohibitions is relatively low.

In some cases, turning prohibitions are the only reasonable solution to reducing infiltration into residential areas. In this case, the option of closing King High Drive is available.

The permanent closure of King High Drive would eliminate an intersection on Dufferin Street thereby enhancing overall traffic safety on the Regional road. Access to King High Drive can be gained via Concord Road from Beverley Glen Boulevard or Centre Street.

Staff has reviewed the proposal to close King High Drive, and has found no operational reasons to object to the closure. It is, therefore, recommended that the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan, notifying the City of Vaughan of Regional Council's support of the closure. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

This report supports the City of Vaughan's proposal to close King High Drive at its intersection with Dufferin Street, in the City of Vaughan.

7. CONCLUSION

The City of Vaughan sent a notification to the Region indicating its intent to either close King High Drive, at Dufferin Street, or request a southbound left turn prohibition in the City of Vaughan. Staff does not identify any operational reasons to object to the closure. It is, therefore, recommended that Regional Council support the closure King High Drive.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the September 7, 2005 Committee meeting.)