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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION - WARDEN AVENUE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 1, 2006, 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 Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), from the south limit of Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40) to 800 metres southerly, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police, for enforcement as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Warden Avenue, from the south limit of Bloomington Road to 800 metres southerly, to assist the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville By-law Enforcement Officers in prohibiting dump trucks from stopping on the shoulder of Warden Avenue creating safety concerns for both traffic and local residents along Warden Avenue. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such No Stopping zone can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding dump trucks parking on both sides of Warden Avenue in front of residential homes, an equestrian school and stables. These dump trucks are also causing conflicts with drivers travelling on Warden Avenue, and resulting in a traffic safety concern. In addition to the traffic concerns, owners of the equestrian school have raised concerns due to the amount of exhaust fumes from the trucks affecting riders and horses.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Warden Avenue is a two-lane, undivided arterial roadway that carries an average of 2,600 vehicles per day. The physical characteristics of this area include direct frontage residential houses, equestrian school and a gravel pit. The posted speed limit throughout this section of Warden Avenue is 70-km per hour.

Dump trucks stopped on the shoulder, after exiting the gravel pit during all times of the day, has raised concerns for the property owners as well as the motoring public. Due to the volume and size of the dump trucks, there is also a safety concern raised with regards to the damage that is occurring to the shoulder of the road.

Regional staff has had discussions with the operator of the pit with regards to the trucks exiting the pit and then stopping along Warden Avenue. The operator of the pit is in full support of the No Stopping restriction, and is currently handing out flyers requesting the dump truck operators not to stop on Warden Avenue.

To address the traffic safety concerns in this area, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Warden Avenue be established, from the south limit of Bloomington Road to 800 metres southerly. The “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by the Region with enforcement carried out through the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville by-law staff. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, with a request to carry out enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” signs are included within the 2006 Roads Program Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff has been consulted and agree to the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on Warden Avenue. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the by-law enforcement staff of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to dump trucks stopping along Warden Avenue, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed on both sides of Warden Avenue, from the south limit of Bloomington Road to 800 metres southerly. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville By-law Enforcement Officers, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and York Regional Police.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 14, 2006 Committee meeting.)