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COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE REVISIONS THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated September 5, 2012, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Community Safety Zone Bylaw No. R-1195-1999-077 be amended to add a Community Safety Zone location on:
 - i. Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) from Islington Avenue (Y.R. 17) to 800 metres east thereof, in the vicinity of Emily Carr Secondary School.
 - ii. Islington Avenue (Y.R. 17) between 300 metres south and north of Rutherford Road in the vicinity of Al Palladini Community Centre.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report addresses City of Vaughan staff's request for two additional Community Safety Zone locations in the City of Vaughan.

3. BACKGROUND

On May 17, 2012, Council adopted the recommendations contained in the report titled "Community Safety Zones in School Areas"

On May 17, 2012, Council approved a recommendation that the Community Safety Zone Policy be revised to designate all School Areas as Community Safety Zones.

Further, Council directed that before presenting the enabling Bylaw, staff request York Regional Police and each local municipality to review the proposed Community Safety

Zones and identify any exceptions or deletions of specific Community Safety Zones arising from the application of the revised Policy.

A memorandum was presented to Council on June 28, 2012, providing an updated list of Community Safety Zone locations based on feedback received from York Regional Police and local municipal staff

The Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning received feedback from York Regional Police and all local municipalities and incorporated the amendments in the Community Safety Zone Bylaw No. R-1195-1999-077 presented for Council endorsement on June 28, 2012.

Subsequent to the June 28, 2012 Council meeting, further amendments to the Community Safety Zone Bylaw were requested

On August 2, 2012, Regional staff in consultation with City of Vaughan staff, were requested to evaluate a new Community Safety Zone location on Rutherford Road in the vicinity of Emily Carr Secondary School and on Islington Avenue in the vicinity of Al Palladini Community Centre.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Rutherford Road, in the vicinity of Emily Carr Secondary School automatically qualifies to be a Community Safety Zone

Rutherford Road from Islington Avenue (Y.R. 17) to 800 metres east thereof is a four-lane urban roadway. The existing speed limit is 60 kilometres per hour and the annual daily traffic volume is approximately 40,000 vehicles per day. This section of roadway is identified as a School Area due the proximity of Emily Carr Secondary School. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

On May 17, 2012, Council approved a recommendation that the Community Safety Zone Policy be revised to designate all School Areas as Community Safety Zones. This automatically qualifies this location as a Community Safety Zone.

Islington Avenue, in the vicinity of Al Palladini Community Centre meets the necessary criteria of the Community Safety Zone Policy

Islington Avenue (Y.R. 17) between 300 metres south and north of Rutherford Road is a four-lane urban roadway. The existing speed limit is 60 kilometres per hour and the current annual daily traffic volume is approximately 23,000 vehicles per day. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

The Community Safety Zone Policy stipulates that the criteria for both Warrant 1- Designated Areas of Special Consideration and Warrant 2 - Safety must be met for a Community Safety Zone to be implemented.

The proximity of Al Palladini Community Centre in this section of roadway meets the criteria of Warrant 1 of the Community Safety Zone Policy which stipulates that a Community Safety Zones must only be implemented at locations of special concern that are obvious to the road user, including School Areas, Community Centres, high pedestrian traffic locations and seniors' centres and residences.

The average collision ratio from the three most recent years was calculated to be approximately 1:600 (collisions per year:AADT). These statistics meet the criteria of Warrant 2 which requires the collision ratio to be less than 1:900, averaged over 36 consecutive months.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with staff review and the installation of signs are included within the 2012 Transportation and Community Planning Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

City of Vaughan staff are in support of the proposed amendments to the Community Safety Zone Bylaw.

7. CONCLUSION

Regional staff recommends the Community Safety Zone Bylaw amendment described herein.

For more information on this report, please contact Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems at Ext. 5226.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)



Proposed New Community Safety Zones

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Legend

-  Regional Road
-  Poposed Community Safety Zone
-  Emily Carr Secondary School
-  Al Palladini Community Centre