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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION WELLINGTON STREET EAST OF DUFFERIN STREET TOWNSHIP OF KING

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, July 23, 2007, from the General Manager, Roads:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Wellington Street (Y.R. 15), from the east limit of Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53) to 700 metres east of the east limit of Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53), in the Township of King.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Township of King and to the Chief of York Regional Police, for enforcement as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone to assist by-law staff of the local municipality to prohibit vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders of a Regional road. Vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders in close proximity of live traffic lanes create safety concerns for pass-by traffic and residents of the area.

3. BACKGROUND

The area of Wellington Street, east of Dufferin Street, in the Township of King (*see Attachment 1*) is comprised of both residential and commercial developments. A gas bar and coffee shop is located directly on the north-east corner of the intersection. A gravel transfer facility is located on the north side of Wellington Street approximately 300 metres east of Dufferin Street, which, at certain times of the day receives deliveries from dump trucks.

Regional staff received a letter (*see Attachment 2*) from residents in the area outlining their concern with these dump trucks parking on the shoulders of Wellington Street. These dump trucks are causing conflicts with drivers travelling on these roads, resulting in traffic safety concerns. In addition to the noise pollution created by the unnecessary

idling of trucks, residential driveways are often blocked by trucks while they are waiting to enter the facility. On occasion, these trucks are stopping on the travelled portion of Wellington Street while they are waiting to enter the gravel transfer facility. The coffee shop on the north-east corner of the intersection also creates traffic concerns particularly with trucks parking on the shoulder while visiting this establishment.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Wellington Street, where this “No Stopping Anytime” zone is to be implemented, is a two lane semi urban undivided arterial roadway that carries an annual average daily traffic (AADT) volume of 10,700 vehicles per day. This “No Stopping Anytime” zone is located in close proximity to the signalized intersection of Wellington Street at Dufferin Street and will improve overall safety of the area.

“No Stopping Anytime” zones are often implemented on Regional roads in areas where parking of vehicles occurs on a regular and continuing basis. To address the traffic safety concerns in this area, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone be implemented.

This “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by the Region with enforcement carried out by the Township of King by-law enforcement staff. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Township of King, with a request to carry out enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with the manufacture and installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” signs is included within the 2007 Roads Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the Township of King will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Local municipal staff have been consulted and agree to the implementation of these “No Stopping Anytime” regulations. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the by-law enforcement staff of the Township of King. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the local municipality.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping on Wellington Street, east of Dufferin Street, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed. The local municipality’s 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 Township of King and York Regional Police.

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 attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the September 5, 2007 Committee meeting.)