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NO STOPPING ANYTIME RESTRICTION - BAYVIEW AVENUE STOUFFVILLE ROAD TO BALLIOL AVENUE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, September 22, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on the both sides of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34), from the north limit of Stouffville Road (Y.R. 14) to the south limit of Balliol Avenue, in the Town of Richmond Hill.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on the both sides of Bayview Avenue, from the north limit of Stouffville Road to the south limit of Balliol Avenue, to assist Town of Richmond Hill by-law enforcement officers in prohibiting vehicles from stopping on the shoulder of Bayview Avenue and unloading off road vehicles which illegally access the property on both sides of Bayview 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

Town of Richmond Hill staff, as well as a local Councillor, have expressed concerns with regards to vehicles stopping on the shoulder along Bayview Avenue to unload off road vehicles. These off road vehicles are entering the lands on the east and west side of Bayview Avenue from the north limit of Stouffville Road to the south limit of Balliol Avenue illegally and causing concern to the property owner. These vehicles are also causing potential conflicts with drivers travelling on Bayview Avenue, and resulting in a traffic safety concern.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Bayview Avenue is a two-lane, undivided arterial roadway that carries an average of 7,410 vehicles per day. The physical characteristics of this area include new residential subdivisions as well as a section of the Oak Ridges Moraine which the off road vehicles are currently using. The speed limit throughout this section of Bayview Avenue is 70-km per hour.

Lebovic Enterprises, owner of the properties in question, forwarded a letter to York Regional Police requesting them to enforce the Trespassing Act on these properties.

Vehicles stopped on the shoulder during all times of the day have raised concerns for the property owners and staff from both the Town of Richmond Hill and York Region. Drivers entering and exiting from their vehicles to unload off road vehicles are creating conflicts with drivers travelling on Bayview Avenue, and a traffic safety concern.

To address the traffic safety concerns in this area, it is proposed that a “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Bayview Avenue be established, from the north limit of Stouffville Road to the south limit of Balliol Avenue. The “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by The Regional Municipality of York with enforcement carried out through the by-law staff for the Town of Richmond Hill. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward a copy of this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, with a request to carryout enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the “No Stopping Anytime” signs is included within the 2005 Roads Program Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the Town of Richmond Hill will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Town of Richmond Hill staff has been consulted and has agreed to the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on Bayview Avenue. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the by-law enforcement staff of the Town of Richmond Hill. 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 Richmond Hill.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping along Bayview Avenue, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed on both sides of Bayview Avenue, from the north limit of Stouffville Road to the south limit of Balliol Avenue. By-law enforcement staff of the Town of Richmond Hill, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward a copy of this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill 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 October 12, 2005 Committee meeting.)