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PARKING REGULATION – “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” BAYVIEW AVENUE FROM OLD COLONY ROAD TO BETHESDA SIDEROAD TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 23, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on the east and west side of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34), from the north limit of Old Colony Road to the south limit of Bethesda Sideroad, 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 east and west side of Bayview Avenue, from the north limit of Old Colony Road to the south limit of Bethesda Sideroad. This zone is intended to assist Town of Richmond Hill by-law enforcement officers by prohibiting vehicles from stopping on the shoulder of Bayview Avenue to unload off-road vehicles which illegally access the property on both sides of Bayview Avenue. In accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act*, a Regional by-law is required before any parking regulation can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Town of Richmond Hill staff, as well as a local Councillor, has expressed concerns regarding vehicles stopping on the shoulder of Bayview Avenue to unload off-road vehicles. These off-road vehicles are illegally entering the private lands on the east and west side of Bayview Avenue, between the north limit of Stouffville Road and the south limit of Bethesda Sideroad, causing concern to the property owner. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. These stopped vehicles are also causing potential conflicts with drivers travelling on Bayview Avenue resulting in a traffic safety concern. There is an existing “No Stopping Anytime” zone on both sides of Bayview Avenue between Stouffville Road and Balliol Avenue. In June of 2006, Town of Richmond Hill

staff approached Regional staff requesting the existing no stopping zone be extended to Bethesda Sideroad because the off-road vehicle riders relocated beyond the limits of the original no stopping zone. Extending the existing no stopping zone to Bethesda Sideroad will cover the entire area where the off-road vehicle riders trespass. The Town of Richmond Hill by-law enforcement officers have been successful in preventing vehicles from stopping on the shoulders of Bayview Avenue between Stouffville Road and Balliol Road.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Bayview Avenue is a two-lane, undivided rural arterial roadway that carries an average of 7,410 vehicles per day. The posted speed limit on this section of road is 70-km per hour.

The physical characteristics of this area include new residential subdivisions and a section of the Oak Ridges Moraine which the off-road vehicles are currently using. 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 of the Town of Richmond Hill and the Region. Drivers entering and exiting 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 Old Colony Road to the south limit of Bethesda Sideroad. The “No Stopping Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by the Region with enforcement carried out through the by-law staff of the Town of Richmond Hill. The Regional Clerk should forward this report and the resulting “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill, 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 is included within the 2006 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 revenue will be retained by the Town of Richmond Hill.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping on the shoulder of Bayview Avenue, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation is proposed on both sides of Bayview Avenue, from the north limit of Old Colony Road to the south limit of Bethesda Sideroad. 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 forward this report and the adopted “No Stopping Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill and to the Chief of 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 September 6, 2006 Committee meeting.)