



Report to: General Committee

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SUBJECT: Clayton Drive at Harvest Moon Drive – Proposed Turn Prohibition Removal

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Clayton Drive at Harvest Moon Drive – Proposed Turn Prohibition Removal”, be received;
- 2) And that Schedule 9 of Traffic By-law 106-71 be amended to rescind the turn prohibitions at the intersection of Clayton Drive and Harvest Moon Drive;
- 3) And that the Operations Department be directed to remove the existing turn prohibition signs at the subject locations;
- 4) And that any future requests to reinstate the turn prohibitions be considered only if a resident solicited petition of the community is submitted;
- 5) And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends the removal of the current turn prohibitions at the intersection of Harvest Moon Drive and Clayton Drive to improve the efficient flow of traffic within the local community.

BACKGROUND:

Existing turn prohibitions implemented in 1999

In November 1998, a public meeting was held to review traffic infiltration concerns identified by residents living on Harvest Moon Drive. Traffic studies identified that approximately 30% of vehicles traveling on Harvest Moon Drive were using it as an alternate route to avoid the intersection of Steeles Avenue and Kennedy Road. Results of a resident survey identified that the majority supported turn prohibitions at the intersection of Harvest Moon Drive and Clayton Drive. The prohibitions were subsequently implemented in April 1999.

Petition received in April 2011 to remove the turn prohibitions

In April 2011, a resident solicited petition was received by the Councillor's Office requesting the turn prohibitions at Harvest Moon Drive and Clayton Drive be removed (see “Attachment A”). The rationale for this request was that the existing prohibitions were impeding residents' ability to travel within their own community.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Community survey conducted

The Town of Markham conducted a survey within the affected community (see "Attachment B"), requesting whether they support or oppose removing the turn prohibitions at the intersection of Clayton Drive and Harvest Moon Drive. Further, the survey stated that a possible consequence to removing the prohibitions would be an increase in traffic infiltration.

Removal of the turn prohibitions supported by majority

Of the 517 individual households that were surveyed, 223 (43%) provided their vote. Of those households who voted, 74% support the removal of the restrictions at the intersection of Harvest Moon & Clayton. Based on the number of "yes" responses in the community Traffic Operations is recommending that the turn prohibitions at Harvest Moon Drive and Clayton Drive be removed and the by-law rescinded.

Further, due to the background on this particular issue, staff recommended that future requests to reinstate the turn prohibitions will only be considered if a resident solicited petition of the community is submitted, identifying two-thirds support.

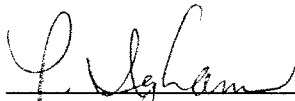
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

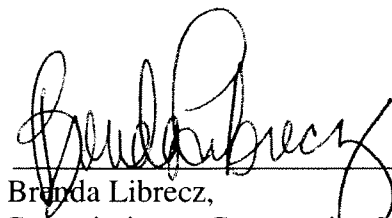
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The recommendations contained within this report align with the transportation/transit strategic priority,

RECOMMENDED BY:



Paul Ingham,
Director, Operations



Brenda Librecz,
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Resident Petition
Attachment B – Location Map
Attachment C – By-law Amendment