

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013**

Item 9, Report No. 19, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 14, 2013.

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**'U-TURN' PROHIBITION REVIEW  
VIA ROMANO BOULEVARD  
WARD 4**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated April 30, 2013:**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That By-law 284-94, the Consolidated Traffic By-law, be amended to add a u-turn prohibition on Via Romano Boulevard, from Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane to Sir Stevens Drive.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Not Applicable.

**Economic Impact**

The cost associated with the installation of the u-turn prohibition signage is estimated to be \$900.00, and can be absorbed within the approved 2013 Operating Budget.

**Communications Plan**

Engineering Services staff will advise the Herbert H. Carnegie Public School Administration and area residents of the outcome of Council's decision in this matter. Staff will also notify York Regional Police, and request enforcement of this prohibition.

**Purpose**

To review the feasibility of implementing a u-turn prohibition on Via Romano Boulevard, in front of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School, in response to a request from the School Administration and Parent Council Chair.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

**Demand for use of the existing lay-by lanes along the east side of Via Romano Boulevard in front of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School results in u-turn traffic movements**

Via Romano Boulevard is a minor collector roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way, a 9.5 metre pavement width, and sidewalks along both sides. The road extends from Teston Road to Queen Filomena Avenue, and is one of the primary north-south roads within the local community. Via Romano is also a York Region Transit route. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

Herbert H. Carnegie Public School, located at 575 Via Romano Boulevard, is on the east side of the roadway, between Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane and Lady Valentina Avenue. Located south of the school property is the City's Twelve Oaks Park.

The intersection of Via Romano Boulevard and Lady Valentina Avenue aligns with one of the school's driveway entrances, and operates under all-way stop control. A crossing guard is located at this intersection during the morning and afternoon arrival/ departure times of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School.

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Lay-by lanes exist in 3 sections along the east side of the Via Romano, in front of Hebert H. Carnegie Public School, between Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane and Sir Stevens Drive.

There are existing 'No Parking' prohibitions along the west side of Via Romano Boulevard, from Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane to Lady Valentina Avenue, and along the east side at the intersection of Alysha Way/ the school's north driveway entrance. As a result, demand for use of the existing lay-by lanes along the east side of Via Romano Boulevard results in undesirable u-turn traffic movements. Refer to Attachment No. 2.

#### **U-turn traffic movements during the school's start and dismissal times create safety concerns**

Following the receipt of a request from the Herbert H. Carnegie Public School Administration and Parent Council Chair, City staff reviewed this matter and undertook traffic studies. Staff have confirmed that u-turn traffic movements in the vicinity of the school property increases traffic congestion, and the number of conflicting traffic movements, which negatively impacts pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the local community.

#### **Via Romano, from Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane to Sir Stevens Drive was selected for the limits of the proposed u-turn prohibition**

To improve operations for the City's school crossing guard, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists within this community, a u-turn prohibition along Via Romano Boulevard, from Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane to Sir Stevens Drive is suggested. To prevent shifting this problem further south, Sir Stevens Drive is suggested as the southern terminus of this prohibition.

#### **Future traffic signals at the intersection of Teston Road and Via Romano Boulevard may increase traffic activity along Via Romano Boulevard and further exacerbate the safety concerns associated with u-turn traffic movements in front of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School**

York Region will be installing traffic signals at the intersection of Teston Road and Via Romano Boulevard in 2013. As a result, it is anticipated that traffic patterns will change within the local community and result in increased traffic activity along Via Romano Boulevard. The increase in traffic activity could further exacerbate the traffic congestion during school drop-off and pick-up, the number of conflicting traffic movements, and the safety concerns caused by u-turn traffic movements.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan 2020, the recommended u-turn prohibition will improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety along this roadway, thus enhancing community safety, health and wellness.

#### **Regional Implications**

Not Applicable.

#### **Conclusion**

A U-turn prohibition is recommended along Via Romano Boulevard, from Sir Francesco Street/ Lady Veronica Lane to Sir Stevens Drive.

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**Attachments**

1. Location Map
2. U-Turn Prohibition Detail

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)