

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015

Item 18, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

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**'NO STOPPING' PROHIBITION REVIEW
FIRENZA ROAD
WARD 3**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, dated June 2, 2015:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations recommend:

1. That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, from September 1 – June 30, on the south side of Firenza Road from the east limit of Kingsview Drive to the west limit of Fossil Hill Road.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

The total cost associated with the installation of appropriate signs is estimated to be approximately \$1,000.00, and can be absorbed within the approved 2015 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs will be incorporated in future Operating Budgets.

Communications Plan

Staff will advise the Principal of Fossil Hill Public School of the outcome of Council's decision on this matter.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to address the request from the Principal of Fossil Hill Public School to add 'No Stopping' prohibitions on the south side of Firenza Road from Kingsview Drive to Fossil Hill Road.

Background – Analysis and Options

Firenza Road is a local roadway with a 20.0 metre right-of-way and an 8.0 metre pavement width. Sidewalks exist on the north side of the roadway. The road extends from Kingsview Drive to Fossil Hill Road. Fossil Hill Public School is located on the north side of Firenza Road. The area is shown in Attachment No.1.

A request from the Principal of Fossil Hill Public School was received on February 23, 2015 requesting that parking prohibitions be added on the south side of Firenza Road to improve safety.

Staff received a request to consider a 'No Parking' or 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Firenza Road to improve safety and operational concerns during school start and dismissal periods.

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The concerns received were for safety for crossing pedestrians, for interrupted two way traffic flow, and to reduce the overall traffic congestion during school start and dismissal periods.

On March 4th and 5th, 2015 staff undertook studies to review typical parking, pedestrian, and traffic activity on Firenza Road during school start and dismissal times.

Staff reviewed the traffic activity on two school days to get a typical experience for Firenza Road in the area of the school. Staff found that parking activity first occupies the north side of Firenza Road adjacent to Fossil Hill Public School in order to drop-off and pick-up students as this side provides a safer environment to and from the school.

The parking activity continues to the south side of Firenza Road, at which time, multiple pedestrian crossings are made between parked vehicles and between gaps in traffic to access or leave the school.

In addition, when vehicles are parked on both the north and south sides of the street, the remaining road width is effectively reduced to one direction of traffic flow at a time. This creates lengthy queues, sight visibility safety concerns, and increases driver frustration.

Adding a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Firenza Road during school start and dismissal times will improve overall operations of the roadway.

Public highways are intended for all road users; balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists is critical. In this regard, prohibitions should only be used as a tool to mitigate operational or safety concerns. Adding a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Firenza Road will serve to mitigate operational and safety concerns by increasing available road width for reducing the number of pedestrians emerging from between parked cars and crossing the road.

There are no residential frontages on the south side of Firenza Road, so impacts to area residents will be negligible.

In view of the traffic study results, staff recommends adding a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Firenza Road between Kingsview Drive and Fossil Hill Road during school start and dismissal times.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities previously set by Council related to Vaughan Vision 2020 Goals and Objectives, the addition of a 'No Stopping' prohibition on the south side of Firenza Road will improve traffic flow and safety for both drivers and pedestrians, thus enhancing community safety and design.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

It is recommended that By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a 'No Stopping' prohibition from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, from September 1 – June 30, on the south side of Firenza Road from the east limit of Kingsview Drive to the west limit of Fossil Hill Road.

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Attachments

1. Location Map

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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.)