

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014

Item 45, Report No. 30, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 24, 2014.

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REQUEST FOR SIDEWALK REMOVAL – MASI COURT (WARD 2)

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Carella, dated June 17, 2014:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas Masi Court is a cul-de-sac in Sonoma Heights that runs south from Buena Vista Drive, with seven residences on each side of the street, and a sidewalk along the east side only; and

Whereas given the short length of Masi Court and the small number of houses on the street, the presence of a sidewalk is an anomaly, as City policy is that a street with less than 40 houses does not require a sidewalk on either side of the street; and

Whereas the explanation for the existence of the sidewalk would appear to lie in the fact that the original intention was to connect the sidewalk on Masi Court to the sidewalk that runs along the north side of Rutherford Road, very near to the southern end of Masi Court; and

Whereas it would appear that the significant difference in the grade of the two sidewalks and the narrowness of the distance between them resulted in a decision not to connect the two sidewalks, effectively causing the sidewalk on Masi Court to become a “dead end”; and

Whereas members of all fourteen households along Masi Court have signed a petition indicating that they wish to see the sidewalk removed and are prepared to pay all costs relating to its removal;

It is therefore recommended that

1. Appropriate staff be directed to meet with the residents of Masi Court, to participate in the development of a plan acceptable to staff for the removal of the subject sidewalk and the appropriate rehabilitation of the public space between the curb and the boundary between the City's road allowance and the seven private properties along the east side of Masi Court;
2. Such plan to include evidence of the consent of all fourteen households to the removal of the sidewalk and evidence of the seven benefitting households' willingness to undertake all expenses relating to the removal;
3. The plan shall be executed in its entirety within one year of Council's approval of this resolution;
4. The process by which this request is dealt shall not be deemed a precedent for any such future requests