

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

Item 28, Report No. 36, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 9, 2014.

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**'U-TURN' PROHIBITION REVIEW  
BELVIEW AVENUE  
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 Engineering Services, dated September 2, 2014:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services recommend:

1. That By-law 284-94, the Consolidated Traffic By-law, be amended to add a U-turn prohibition on Belview Avenue, from the west driveway of St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School to the east driveway of St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School.

**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 has been included within the approved 2014 Operating Budget.

**Communications Plan**

Staff will advise the St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary 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 Belview Avenue in front of St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

**On-street parking along the south side of Belview Avenue in front of St. John Bosco Catholic School results in U-turn traffic movements**

Belview Avenue is a major collector roadway with a 26.0 metre right-of-way, a 14.0 metre pavement width, and sidewalks along both sides. The road is one of the primary roads within the local community. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School, located at 199 Belview Avenue, is on the south side of the roadway, opposite Stan Gate.

The intersection of Belview Avenue and Stan Gate operates under all-way stop control and is located between the school's two driveway accesses. There are centre median islands on the east and west sides of the intersection of Belview Avenue and Stan Gate. The existing parking and stopping prohibitions are located on both sides of Belview Avenue between the east and west school driveway accesses.

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There are two school accesses on Belview Avenue. The westerly driveway provides direct access to the school parking lot. However, during peak times the school parking lot is not able to accommodate the pick-up/drop-off activities on-site. As a result of parking on both sides of Belview Avenue near the school driveway accesses, drivers perform undesirable U-turn movements which cause traffic issues.

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

Following the receipt of a request from the school principal, City staff reviewed this matter and undertook traffic studies on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. 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.

**Belview Avenue, from the west school driveway access to the east school driveway access was identified as the limits of the proposed U-turn prohibition**

To improve traffic operations for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists within this community, a U-turn prohibition along Belview Avenue, from the west school driveway access to the east school driveway access is recommended. The proposed location is consistent with the existing parking and stopping prohibitions and will prohibit U-turns in front of the school where pedestrian activity is taking place.

**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 Belview Avenue from the west driveway access to the east driveway access of St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School.

**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.)