



FOR INQUIRIES: PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

February 23, 2015

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

REGIONAL CLERK
FILE #

Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: PEAK PERIOD TURNING RESTRICTIONS FOR WESTON DOWNS COMMUNITY

I write to advise you that Vaughan Council at its meeting held on February 17, 2015, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Congestion on adjacent Regional Roads has increased infiltration traffic through the Weston Downs Community;

Whereas, Concerns and issues related to infiltration have been on-going for a number of years for this community;

Whereas, Staff initiated studies that identified a significant level of infiltration on the internal road network to the Weston Downs Community;

Whereas, Regional modifications to signal timings on adjacent Regional roads to mitigate infiltration result in minimal effectiveness;

Whereas, The Region has confirmed their willingness to consider implementation of turning restrictions by time of day as identified in their letter dated March 14, 2014 to the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association;

It is therefore recommended:

That, the City Clerk be directed to write the Region and request an analysis and consultation with the local residents regarding the following potential traffic restrictions and signing to minimize infiltration through the Weston Downs Community.

1. *That, Rutherford and Babak intersection turning restrictions, Monday to Friday's from 7am-9am, Rutherford Eastbound- no right turn onto Babak, Via Campanile Southbound –no through traffic. Monday to Friday's from 4:30pm-6:30pm, Babak Northbound- no left turn onto Rutherford and no through traffic onto Via Campanile;*
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Attached for your information is **Item 20, Report No. 7**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract
Letter from York Region

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Item 20, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2015.

20 PEAK PERIOD TURNING RESTRICTIONS FOR WESTON DOWNS COMMUNITY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor DeFrancesca, dated February 3, 2015:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

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Attachments

Letter from York Region

(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.)



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Transportation and Community Planning
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Traffic Management & ITS

March 14, 2014

Mr. Anthony Francescucci, President
Weston Downs Ratepayers Association
81 Blackburn Blvd.
Vaughan, ON L4L 7J5

Dear Mr. Francescucci:

Re: Turn Restriction with Local Resident Exemption by Permit

The Region does not support turn restrictions with local resident exemption by permit as requested by the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association's, to address traffic infiltration in the Weston Downs Community.

The requested restriction by exemption is not recognized as an acceptable regulatory traffic sign by the Ministry of Transportation and within the Highway Traffic Act. However, staff is willing to consider implementing turn restrictions by time of day which is recognized and used across the Province for addressing safety concerns and traffic infiltration.

The Region's Legal and Court Services Department is of the opinion that a turn restriction targeted towards a particular group of people would be viewed as a violation of the Mobility Rights section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom and Charter Rights. This section provides Canadian citizens with the right to free movement in the country. In addition, York Regional Police has concerns regarding enforcement levels required to achieve compliance.

The example you have raised in Peel Region where heavy trucks are restricted to turn with an exemption for local deliveries is a combination of Regulations in the Highway Traffic Act. Regulation 615, Section 21 allows for turn prohibitions and Section 33 restricts heavy trucks. In addition, Section 110 provides exemption for local deliveries, which designates authority to a municipality to issue special permits to allow local deliveries to a property within a restricted neighbourhood.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Nelson Costa, Manager, Traffic Safety at 905-830-4444, Ext. 75251.

March 14, 2014
Mr. Anthony Francescucci, President
Traffic Solution in Weston Downs
City of Vaughan

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Sincerely,

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Steven D. Kemp, P. Eng.
Director, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems

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