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## Committee of the Whole Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018

**WARD(S):** 3

**TITLE: STOPPING PROHIBITION AND U-TURN PROHIBITION – VIA  
CAMPANILE**

**FROM:**

Stephen Collins, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

This report seeks Council approval to implement a no stopping regulation and a no U-turn regulation on the east side of Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive to improve overall traffic operations.

**Recommendations**

1. That a stopping prohibition be implemented on the east side of Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>;
2. That Council amend Schedule “A” Part 3 of the Parking By-law 1-96, as amended, to add a stopping prohibition on the east side of Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>;
3. That a U-turn prohibition be implemented on Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive;

4. That Council amend Schedule “F” Part 2 of the Traffic By-law 284-94, as amended, to add a U-Turn prohibition on Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive, and
5. That the City Clerk forward a copy of this report to the York Region District School Board and York Regional Police.

### **Report Highlights**

- Staff have received requests from school representatives and parents to investigate possible parking prohibitions on Via Campanile, near Pierre Berton Public School.
- A traffic review showed parking activity on the east side of Via Campanile contributed to undesirable pedestrian activities and had a negative impact on traffic flow.
- A notice was delivered to Via Campanile residents opposite Pierre Berton Public School for the proposed stopping prohibitions during school times throughout the year.
- The proposed stopping prohibition and U-turn prohibition would improve overall traffic operations.
- A stopping prohibition on the east side of Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive is recommended.
- A U-turn prohibition on Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive is recommended.

### **Background**

Staff met with school representatives to discuss challenges the school experiences regarding parking and traffic activity. School representatives highlighted parking activity that was contributing to unsafe pedestrian activity and interfering with traffic flow as well as U-Turn activity in front of the school.

Via Campanile is classified as a minor collector roadway with a 10.0 metre pavement width. The function of a collector road is to provide organization for the local street system within residential areas and to provide connection to the larger arterial road network.

Pierre Berton Public School is located on the west side of Via Campanile north of Cappella Drive. Four residential homes have frontage to Via Campanile on the east side of the road, opposite to the school. There is an existing 2.5 metre width layby lane on Via Campanile north of the school at the park and sidewalks on both sides of Via Campanile.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

Not Applicable.

## **Analysis and Options**

### **An operational parking review of Via Campanile was conducted.**

An operational parking review was initiated on Via Campanile in front of Pierre Berton Public School to determine the extent of on-street parking and any traffic operational concerns.

Parking activity was reviewed during the school start and dismissal times of 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Parking activity was observed occurring on both sides of Via Campanile during these times for student drop-off and pick-up.

The review showed pedestrian crossing activity in front of the school when vehicles are parked on the east side of Via Campanile. This pedestrian crossing activity is undesirable when combined with cars parking on both sides of the street and congested traffic flow. Parked cars can act as a visual barrier, preventing motorists from seeing pedestrians on the sidewalk.

With cars parked on both sides of the road, two-way traffic was difficult to maintain. School buses and transit buses were often stopped as they waited for traffic to clear.

U-Turn activity was also observed after drivers finished dropping-off or picking-up students. A total of nine U-Turns in the morning and ten U-Turns in the afternoon were observed. The U-Turns were evenly distributed on the east and west sides of the street. Prohibiting drivers from stopping on the east side of Via Campanile could reduce approximately half of the U-Turning activity.

Installation of a U-Turn prohibition could minimize the remaining U-Turning activity in front of the school.

### **A notice was delivered to the residences on Via Campanile opposite Pierre Berton School.**

Notice was delivered to the four residences informing about the prohibition and would impact residents and non-residents alike.

To date, staff have received one response not in favour of the proposed stopping prohibition.

### **Based on review, it is recommended that a stopping prohibition and a U-turn prohibition be installed on Via Campanile.**

The proposed stopping prohibition and U-turn prohibition will provide benefit by reducing the potential vehicle and pedestrian conflicts, maintaining two-way traffic flow and

emergency response access and reducing the frequency of U-Turn activity in front of the school.

The stopping prohibition is proposed only for school start and dismissal periods, 8:00 am to 9:00 am, and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, during the school year (summer exempt). Impact on the four residences opposite to the school is minimal with stopping activity limited to school hours. Residents will be permitted to park/stop on the east side of Via Campanile outside the proposed hours within the limits of the general parking bylaw.

It is difficult for drivers making a U-Turn or backing up to see small children crossing the street. U-Turns can be confusing for children as they may not be able to anticipate such irregular traffic movements.

Based on the review and benefits of proceeding with the stopping and U-turns prohibitions at this location, staff recommend the proposal be approved.

### **Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)**

This report supports the strategic priorities related to the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018), and is consistent with the following Term of Council Priorities:

- Improve municipal network; and
- Continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens.

### **Financial Impact**

The cost associated with the installation of the required signs is estimated to be \$750.00 and has been included in the approved 2018 Operating Budget. The on-going cost to maintain the signs is estimated to be \$75.00 per annum and will be incorporated in future year Operating Budgets.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the analysis, staff recommend the implementation of the stopping prohibition and the installation of stopping prohibition signs on the east side of Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The benefit for safety of all road users will outweigh the small inconvenience for area residents.

In addition, staff recommend the implementation of a U-Turn prohibition and installation of No U-Turn signs on Via Campanile from the north limit of Pierre Berton Public School to Cappella Drive.

A bylaw amendment to the Parking Bylaw 1-96 and Traffic Bylaw 284-94 will be prepared, which will coincide with the installation of the stopping prohibition signs and U-Turn prohibition signs.

**For more information**, please contact:

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### **Attachment**

1. Location Map

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