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Communication

Council - June 24, 2025

CW(PM) - Report No. 24 Item No. 10

From: Adelina Bellisario
To: Adelina Bellisario

Subject: FW: [External] Portage and Edgely JUNE 24 MEETING written comments

Date: June-23-25 12:06:49 PM

From: Clerks@vaughan.ca <Clerks@vaughan.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2025 9:11 AM

To: Adelina Bellisario <Adelina.Bellisario@vaughan.ca>

Subject: FW: [External] Portage and Edgely JUNE 24 MEETING written comments

From: Luke Greco

Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 10:51 AM

To: Clerks@vaughan.ca

Subject: Fwd: [External] Portage and Edgely JUNE 24 MEETING written comments

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Hello,

I am writing again in advance of the June 24 council meeting about the Weston and 7 master plan. Please see the discussion thread below.

Thanks.

Luke Greco

Begin forwarded message:

From: Luke Greco

Date: May 15, 2025 at 8:56:53 PM EDT

To: clerks@vaughan.ca

Subject: Fwd: [External] Portage and Edgely JUNE 4 MEETING written comments

Hello,

I am writing with written comments for the June 4 meeting of the official plan as it relates to the VMC area. I have been in communication with Ward 4 and staff about these issues below for almost a year and would just like to remind council of the need for enhanced turn lanes at these intersections to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. In addition, traffic calming measures should be put in place with the redesign of the area to improve road safety that will tangibly make drivers slow down without the need for ASEs.

Thanks,

Luke Greco

Begin forwarded message:

From: Luke Greco

Date: January 24, 2025 at 7:18:57 PM GMT-5 **To:** Grace Mulcahy < Grace. Mulcahy@vaughan.ca>

Cc: Chris Ainsworth < <u>Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca</u>>, Anna Commisso

<u>Anna.Commisso@vaughan.ca</u>, Sierra Miceli <<u>Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca</u>, Margie

Chung < Margie. Chung @ vaughan.ca >, Brenda Bisceglia

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Alex Lau < Alex.Lau@vaughan.ca >

Subject: Re: [External] Portage and Edgely

Hi Grace,

Thank you for getting back to me, I appreciate it.

Thank you for providing these timelines. That is great to hear that the Portage Parkway stretch will include dedicated left turn lanes. I look forward to seeing the construction progress this summer. Though, it is frustrating to know that it will take until 2027 to be complete if everything goes according to plan, while the condos on Interchange Way will become occupied later this year and the traffic will get worse before it gets better.

Regarding Edgeley Boulevard, since the timeline for adding left turn lanes there is not as clear, I think real consideration should be taken to at least add advance green signalling as soon as possible, especially for northbound traffic, as that to me is the most problematic area for flow of traffic right now. I take that route every weekday afternoon and I like hundreds of other motorists will be excited to see that in place.

Thanks again for all your work.

Luke Greco

On Jan 24, 2025, at 9:05 AM, Grace Mulcahy Grace.Mulcahy@vaughan.ca wrote:

Good morning Luke,

Hope you are doing well. This is an update on your traffic inquiry in the VMC area.

Data collection has been completed and analyzed. The VMC team, Infrastructure Delivery, and Traffic Services have reviewed collaboratively and share the following comments.

The Portage Parkway Environmental Assessment and ongoing detailed design identify improvements to include a left turn lane on Portage Pkwy for the following

intersections:

- 1. Portage Pkwy & Applewood Cres.
- 2. Portage Pkwy & Edgeley Blvd.
- 3. Portage Pkwy & Buttermill Ave.

The detailed design work is anticipated to be completed by Q1/Q2 2025, while construction is anticipated to begin in Q3 2025 and completed by 2027.

As part of the signal timing design at Portage Pkwy & Edgeley Blvd., staff will consider to include the advance green signal timing for the northbound left-turn movement. However it should be noted, major improvements requiring land acquisition such as additional travel lanes on Edgeley Boulevard or designated northbound and/or southbound left-turn lanes will be considered as part of the future Edgeley Boulevard widening. Providing a left turn lane at the intersection can improve road safety and intersection capacity. The Edgeley Boulevard widening is anticipated to occur in-step with redevelopment along this corridor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Grace Mulcahy, EIT **Project Manager and Liaison Specialist**

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From: Grace Mulcahy

Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 10:48 AM

To: Luke Greco

Cc: Chris Ainsworth < <u>Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca</u>>; Sierra Miceli

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Mark D'Amico <Mark.D'Amico@vaughan.ca>; Mark Ranstoller

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<<u>Jillian.Britto@vaughan.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: [External] Portage and Edgely

Good morning Luke,

At this time we are waiting for study results and expect to receive them very shortly. Once received, staff will analyze and develop recommendations.

I will keep you updated.

Many Thanks,

Grace Mulcahy, EIT
Traffic Project Coordinator and Liaison Specialist

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From: Luke Greco

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 5:10 PM

To: Grace Mulcahy < <u>Grace.Mulcahy@vaughan.ca</u>>

Cc: Chris Ainsworth < Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca; Sierra Miceli

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Hello,
I hope you are doing well.
I was curious what the status is of the study?
Thanks,
Luke

On Oct 1, 2024, at 4:46 PM, Luke Greco

wrote:

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Another accident at Edgeley and Apple mill. (I am always passenger taking pictures). They were probably trying to pass a car that they were stuck behind making a left turn.

Luke Greco

On Sep 11, 2024, at 3:03 PM, Grace Mulcahy < Grace.Mulcahy@vaughan.ca > wrote:

Good afternoon Luke,

Thanks for sharing those photos.

We have the studies scheduled and they should be completed very shortly. Once we have the data available, we can conduct our analysis and report back to you.

Thank you for your patience and please let me know if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,

Grace Mulcahy, EIT **Traffic Project Coordinator and Liaison Specialist**

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From: Luke Greco

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 4:45 PM

To: Grace Mulcahy < <u>Grace.Mulcahy@vaughan.ca</u>>

Cc: Chris Ainsworth < <u>Chris.Ainsworth@vaughan.ca</u>>; Sierra Miceli

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Hi Grace,

I just wanted to send some pictures of rush hour today - the back up at the left turn at Portage and Edgely and the back up on Portage heading to Applewood.

Please advise if the study will be happenings soon.

Thanks,

Luke

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On Jul 20, 2024, at 10:19 PM, Luke Greco

wrote:

Hi Grace,

Thank you for the update and the attention from your team on this. That seems reasonable to me to do the studies in September when traffic patterns return to normal.

I am also happy to hear there will be exclusive left turn lanes and advanced green signals in this area when the intersections are permanently upgraded. I wonder what the timeline is on the permanent upgrades? I imagine it is still several years out so I am happy about your commitment to looking into enhancing these intersections by the end of the year before the full upgrades are implemented.

Thanks,

Luke Greco

On Jul 19, 2024, at 11:08 AM, Grace Mulcahy Grace.Mulcahy@vaughan.ca wrote:

Good morning Luke,

As an update on your inquiry, staff will conduct the necessary traffic studies at Portage/Edgeley, Edgeley/Apple Mill and Portage/Apple Mill. Studies will be conducted in the Fall once school is back in session and traffic patterns have returned to normal.

We have also discussed your inquiry with our VMC team and they have advised that these locations are slated for future improvements along Portage Parkway including exclusive left-turn lanes and advanced left-turn signals. Once the studies are back and staff determine next steps, we will work with our

VMC team on implementation, if warranted.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,

Grace Mulcahy, EIT
Traffic Project Coordinator and Liaison Specialist

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From: Luke Greco

Sent: Thursday, July 4, 2024 4:22 PM

To: Mark D'Amico < Mark. D'Amico@vaughan.ca>

Cc: Brenda Bisceglia < Brenda.Bisceglia@vaughan.ca >; Musa Deo

<<u>Musa.Deo@vaughan.ca</u>>; David Fan <<u>David.Fan@vaughan.ca</u>>; Grace Mulcahy

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Hi Mark,

Thanks for this. You can reach me at 6479853714 until 6pm today or Monday anytime. Luke Greco

> On Jul 4, 2024, at 3:56 PM, Mark D'Amico < Mark. D'Amico@vaughan.ca > wrote:

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> Good afternoon Luke,

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> Hope all is well. Is there a phone number I can contact you at and when would be a good time to call you? I'd like to speak to you in an effort to gain a bit more information regarding your concerns.

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> As you are probably aware, this area is currently under construction for the VMC and some of these intersections are temporarily configured at the moment, however, we will continue to perform our review and studies for any signal timing adjustments that

can be made and determine if any advanced left turn phases are warranted. Just for your information, the permanent signal designs and lane configurations will be different from it's current state once the construction is complete.

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> Thank you.
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> Supervisor, Traffic Engineering
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Luke Greco
> Sent: Thursday, July 4, 2024 1:04 PM
> To: Brenda Bisceglia < Brenda. Bisceglia @vaughan.ca >
> Cc: Sierra Miceli < Sierra. Miceli@vaughan.ca >; Mark D'Amico
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> Thank you Brenda and Sierra,
> I'm really happy to hear this and for mobilizing quickly on this. I'm sure you will find in
your study that the advanced green signals are warranted especially when you observe
the rush hour traffic in the afternoon. While you are out there you may want to look at
Portage and Buttermill as well.
> Thanks again and please keep me updated after next week on the outcome and
timeline.
> Luke Greco
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>> On Jul 4, 2024, at 12:02 PM, Brenda Bisceglia < Brenda.Bisceglia@vaughan.ca >
wrote:
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>> Good morning Sierra
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>> >> Staff have discussed the matter and will be conducting advanced left turn signal studies at the three intersections noted next week to determine if additional arrow signals are warranted. >> >> A follow-up and any next steps will be provided to your office accordingly. >> >> Many thanks >> >> >> Brenda Bisceglia >> Manager MoveSmart >> Transportation and Fleet Management Services >> 905-832-8577 ext. 6144 | brenda.bisceglia@vaughan.ca >> >> City of Vaughan - Public Works >> 2800 Rutherford Road Vaughan, ON L4K 2N9 vaughan.ca >> >> >> >> >> -----Original Message----->> From: Sierra Miceli < Sierra. Miceli@vaughan.ca > >> Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 9:33 AM Brenda Bisceglia >> To: >> < Brenda. Bisceglia@vaughan.ca> >> Cc: Mark D'Amico <Mark.D'Amico@vaughan.ca>; Margie Chung >> < Margie. Chung@vaughan.ca>; Anna Commisso < Anna. Commisso@vaughan.ca>; >> Chris Ainsworth < Chris Ainsworth@vaughan.ca >> Subject: RE: [External] Portage and Edgely >> >> Good morning Luke, >> Thank you for contacting Councillor Ainsworth regarding the lack of streetlights having advanced green signals, I have copied in the appropriate staff to address this issue. >> >> Brenda - Please see the email below. Can you kindly look into this issue and conduct a study to see if it is necessary to input advance green signals/left turning lanes. >> >> Thank you, >> Sierra Miceli >> Council Administrative Assistant to Councillor Chris Ainsworth >> 905-832-8585, ext. 8881 Sierra.Miceli@vaughan.ca

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Luke Greco

>> Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 5:11 PM

>> To: Chris Ainsworth < Chris. Ainsworth@vaughan.ca>

>> Subject: [External] Portage and Edgely

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>> Hello Mr. Ainsworth,

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>> I am writing you as a concerned Vaughan citizen that drives through the intersections of Portage and Edgely and Edgely and Apple Mill as well as Portage and Applewood daily are in dire need of attention and safety upgrades. I know the VMC is slated for revamping however the amount of time it will take to fix the roadways in this area will be too long to go without the lack of dedicated left turn lanes that are needed. At the very least street lights have to be put in with advanced green signals. That is the very least. The amount of traffic in this area this summer is just craziness. The left turn lane is backed up 10 cars long and impedes traffic since there is no dedicated left turn lane. I see many cars almost causing accidents by turning into plazas to get around this. Please let me know your plan to upgrade these intersections to keep traffic moving and drivers and pedestrians safe.

- >> Thanks.
- >> Luke Greco
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