

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 01, 2021

TITLE: TRAFFIC STUDY FOR ATHABASCA COMMUNITY

FROM:

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Whereas, improving road safety along the City's road network resonates strongly with Vaughan citizens; and

Whereas, the City has developed a MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy, which sets the direction to provide a transportation system that is safer, more efficient, and sustainable; and

Whereas, the City is in the process of developing a Speed Limit Policy that will help to further ensure the safety of our most vulnerable road users and the establishment of appropriate speed limits throughout the City's road network; and

Whereas, some subdivisions were designed decades ago without built-in traffic calming measures; and

Whereas, with population and employment growth, the number of daily trips made by Vaughan citizens has increased, and traffic patterns have changed, there is a need to review traffic control measures on the primary roads, including stops to pause flow of traffic and to restore streets to their intended road function and to improve the neighbourhood environments; and

Whereas, speeding in residential neighbourhoods has become a chronic issue throughout the city; and

Whereas, the recent accident that has taken the lives of two young children on Athabasca has been attributed to speeding.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Staff be directed to commence a full Neighbourhood traffic and speed management study for the entire area aligning with the directions, programs and plans set forward as outlined in the MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy and proposed Speed Limit Policy; and
2. That any improvements recommended be deemed a pilot project that could potentially benefit other subdivisions in the future; and
3. That staff bring back all options with short, medium, and long-term solutions; and
4. That this study move forward as expeditiously as possible; and
5. That a request be made to the Region of York asking that a temporary photo radar unit be installed this year in this subdivision and/or surrounding vicinity and allowing for it to be moved every 3+/- months as a pilot project and, if necessary to accommodate this request, that Athabasca be deemed a "Community Safety Zone" for this purpose.