

Region

Deferral suggested for traffic study

A Regional traffic study of Mountainview Road from Highway 7 to Summit Lane/Eden Lane in Halton Hills scheduled for late fall was recommended for deferral until next fall by Halton's Planning and Public Works Committee Wednesday.

The recommendation will go before Regional Council this Wednesday for final approval.

The study is meant to determine if more types of traffic signals are needed to improve traffic and pedestrian flows on the road, according to a Regional report.

The region first decided to do the study after receiving a petition from residents living on and around Mountainview Road. The residents expressed concern that the increasing use of the road could create a safety hazard, the report indicates.

In the report, Regional staff argued the study could be defer-

red because traffic volume over the past year hasn't increased significantly.

Based on the data collected during the last few years, "it is reasonable to conclude that for a road of this nature, Mountainview Road has experienced normal growth," the report states.

According to the report the traffic volume at the involved intersection for cars has increased between 1.7 per cent and 2.87 per cent while for heavy trucks it has increased between three and five per cent. The average increase in traffic flows for this type of road is two to three per cent which is comparable to the increase on Mountainview Road, staff contend.

The study's projected cost was another reason for staff recommending the deferral. "It is estimated the study will cost approximately \$3,500 of which 36 per cent will be charged to an already overextended account," staff pointed out.

Speed limit discussion

If Milton Regional councillor Bill Johnson had his way, all roads in Halton would have a 60 kilometre per hour or less maximum speed limit.

Lower speed limits mean all types of vehicles emit less carbon monoxide into the air resulting therefore in an improved environment, argued Coun. Johnson during Wednesday's

Regional Planning and Public Works Committee meeting.

To this proposal Oakville Regional councillor Fred Oliver said it's a "stupid" idea.

"It's unrealistic to think a 60 kilometre per hour speed limit everywhere could be enforced," he continued.

The councillor also argued that lower speed limits would unnecessarily increase taxes. The lower speed limits the more police officers need to police the roads, said Coun. Oliver. "If you want to pass a motion to increase taxes, go right ahead," he said sarcastically.

Coun. Johnson countered by saying that the increased enforcement wouldn't be needed if the fine per speeding ticket was raised.

The debate arose out of a Regional staff report calling for changes to certain speed limits governing some of the roads in Halton Hills and in other areas of the Region.

Those changes the committee recommended for final approval involving roads in town include Trafalgar Road between Highway 7 and a point north of Sideroad 27 and Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Sideroad 10.

The committee recommended that the speed limit on Trafalgar Road be reduced from 80 kilometres per hour speed to 60 kilometres per hour. It also recommended that Halton request the Region of Peel to extend the existing 60 kilometre per hour speed zone along that part of Winston Churchill Boulevard south of Sideroad 10.

Both recommendations will go before Regional council for final approval Wednesday.



Gallery exhibit

Jacquie Cameron, who runs the Hawthorne Hill Studio in Georgetown, shows off one of the many paintings on display in the Gallery during a show that runs from now to Dec. 2 every Saturday and Sunday. The gallery, which is located on the Eighth Line, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. The painting above is entitled Purely Abstract and was done by Mississauga artist Sonia Chivers. Artists whose works are also in the show include Ms. Cameron of Georgetown, Brenda Feely, Mississauga and Camille Egan, Georgetown. (Herald photo)

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Parking proposal

Officials at Holy Cross Church on Maple Avenue in Georgetown should be consulted first to determine if no parking signs should be installed along Maple Avenue, Guelph Street and Trafalgar Road, the Region's Planning and Public Works Committee recommended Wednesday.

The recommendation will go before Halton Council this Wednesday for final approval.

"To take away the parking spots used by the catholic church's congregation without first consulting them is wrong," said Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, during the committee meeting.

Since Maple Avenue is a major roadway in town, Region Engineer Bruce Kitchen pointed out in his report, street parking would be undesirable. This is particularly true on Maple Avenue because there is only one through lane, he said.

Mr. Kitchen said staff supported street parking restrictions because there is only one way through.

As well, on-street parking represents a hazard to cars and pedestrians and hinders visibility for motorists exiting driveways off Maple Avenue, the engineer wrote.

For his part, Chairman Pomeroy said when the Region introduced parking on only one side of Maple Avenue eight or nine years ago, it was a very contentious issue between Halton and the church.

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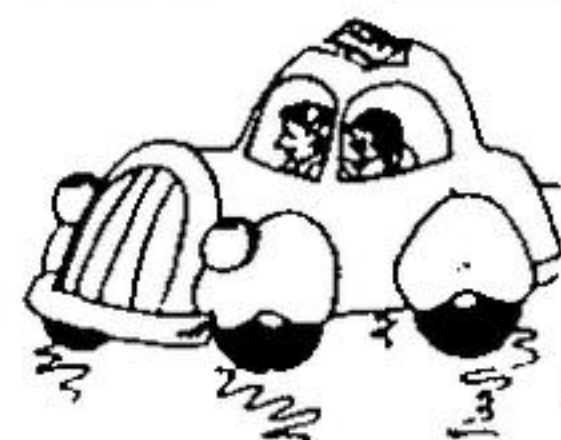
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