

Town staff believes all-way stops are not yet needed at busy neighbourhood intersections

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The Champion

It looks like the intersections of Coxe Boulevard with Laurier Avenue and Childs Drive won't become all-way stops any time soon despite one councillor's repeated urging to do so.

In response to a motion brought forward by Ward 4 Councillor John Challinor at June's council meeting, staff reported to the community services committee Monday evening that it conducted traffic counts at the busy intersections but the volumes recorded don't warrant all-way stop signage at this time.

Mr. Challinor told the committee that he doesn't agree with staff's conclusion, noting the traffic count numbers show the

intersections are very close to requiring the stop signs.

"I think there's a number of benefits to be had by putting stop signs in place at these intersections," he said.

He discussed his concern with the visual obstructions created for drivers in the area when residents park their vehicles on the boulevard portion of their driveways.

But staff measured sightlines at the intersection of Laurier Avenue and Coxe Boulevard and concluded they're adequate for motorists turning onto Laurier from Coxe.

"The only time that sightlines are impeded is when there are vehicles parked on the lower driveway boulevard portion on the north side of Laurier Avenue," a report

from Director of Engineering Services Paul Cripps said.

"A review of the reportable right angle collisions at this intersection do not indicate that any parked vehicles played a factor in the motor vehicle collisions."

Mr. Challinor said he has spoken to residents on Laurier Avenue who live near the corner of Coxe Boulevard and also some citizens on Childs Drive who'd like to see the all-way stops implemented.

But Ward 4 Councillor Wendy Schau said she, too, has spoken with Laurier Avenue residents who don't see the need for the extra signs.

She noted she lives in that area and uses the two subject intersections, but hasn't experienced anything that makes her think

the three-way stops would be necessary.

She said putting the signs in would just aggravate drivers and make them less inclined to obey the rules of the road.

Wards 2 and 4 Councillor Ron Furik said while he thinks there's a dangerous curve in the road around the intersection of Laurier and Coxe, he supports the staff recommendation at this time.

The committee endorsed receiving a staff report on the issue for information purposes.

Mr. Challinor told The Champion he will follow up on the matter with staff and council a year from now.

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Carr to host meeting at leisure centre tomorrow on controversial bill C-407

Halton MP Gary Carr will host a citizens' advisory committee meeting tomorrow to discuss a contentious private member's bill, C-407.

The meeting, to be held at the Milton Leisure Centre, will focus on a bill introduced in June that attempts to amend the Criminal Code to allow any person, under certain conditions, to assist another person who's close to death or suffering from a

debilitating illness to die if the person has expressed the free and informed wish to do so.

The meeting will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and is intended for any interested residents and members of Mr. Carr's seniors and health care advisory committees.

"I have received a number of e-mails and calls from my constituents on this issue and, being such an emotional issue, I feel

that it is important to consult with my citizens' advisory committees prior to the vote," said Mr. Carr.

"I believe that Halton constituents deserve a voice on this issue, and I welcome all comments and opinions."

For more information about Mr. Carr's citizens' advisory committees or about the bill, visit www.garycarr.ca and www.parl.gc.ca.

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Wed. Oct. 19	The Myths of Menopause with Dr. S. Feroze, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	Galaxy Hall, Oakville 475 N. Service Rd. E.
Thu. Oct. 27	Understanding Depression with Dr. K. O'Sullivan, Psychiatrist	Southside Community Church, Milton 2850 Derry Rd. W.
Wed. Nov. 2	Latest Advances in Cataract Surgery with Dr. O. Hakim, Ophthalmologist	OTMH, Oakville 327 Reynolds Street
Tue. Nov. 8	Fall into Maintenance: Maintaining Effective Diabetes Management with Dr. G. Macpherson, Family Physician	MDH - Milton 30 Derry Road East
Wed. Nov. 16	11 th Annual Stress Management Seminar: "The Beliefs that Run our Lives" with Dr. David Posen, former family physician specializing in stress management and lifestyle counselling. Best-Selling Author.	Galaxy Hall, Oakville 475 N. Service Rd. E.
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Tue. Feb 7	A Woman's Guide to a Healthy Pregnancy with Drs. Hunter, Rajasingham and Cvent, Obstetricians & Gynaecologists. Special Guest: Carole Bertuzzi Luciani, Mood/Inational Speaker...to Tickle Your Funny Bone	Milton Call for Location
Wed. Feb 22	Cholesterol and Your Heart with Dr. M. Heffernan, Cardiologist	Le Dome, Oakville 1173 N. Service Rd. E.
Wed. March 22	Know Your Numbers: Understanding, Preventing and Controlling Hypertension with Dr. D. Sapiro, Nephrologist	Le Dome, Oakville 1173 N. Service Rd. E.

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