

Town Of Newmarket
Meeting Of The Whole
January 14th 2019



## **Background**

- As part of the Sundial Development of Toth Farm, William Booth Avenue has been extended to Davis Drive.
- The original development meets the new development at the intersection of Knapton Drive & William Booth.
- Knapton continues both East and West of William Booth and is a major collector road for 3 other roads: (Mynden Way, Beare Trail and Osborne Family Way)
- The developer placed a temporary stop sign at Tango Crescent (North), just South of Knapton Drive.
- Their rational was that this was done to align with the future school entrance on the East side of the site.
- The intersection of Knapton & William Booth is at the highest point in the entire subdivision. The elevation drops off in all directions from this point.

#### The Concern

- Due to the physical nature of the intersection, poor sightlines, and elevations, there is a significant **right of way** issue in all directions.
- This issue did not become apparent until the road was opened to traffic, connecting William Booth to Davis Drive.
- Pedestrian, Cycling and Automobile Traffic have significant difficulty crossing or merging onto William Booth Avenue from Knapton Drive, as there is no stop sign allowing for right of way.

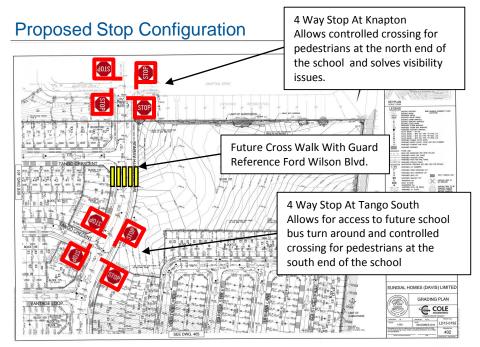


## **Proposal**

- To address resident concerns and improve safety, it is recommended that the temporary stop sign at Tango
  Crescent (North) be removed and a permanent 4 way stop sign be installed at Knapton Drive.
- Following the installations of the stop sign, the cross walks should be clearly marked with "Zebra Line Paintings" to make the intersection even more visible.
- Once the town assumes control of William Booth Avenue, a decision can be made on a second stop sign
  further south on the road to align with phase 2 & 3 and/or the sound end of the school should the school
  board decide to move forward with the project.
- This proposal will allow for clear and safe right of way for Pedestrians, Cyclists and Vehicles.

#### **Existing Stop Configuration**







#### **Site Plan**

Temporary Stop SignProposed Stop Sign





#### Rationale

- William Booth is a wide arterial road with significant traffic.
- This traffic volume is expected to rise with future development.
- Safe right of way is required for Knapton due to the elevation, sightlines, speed, and volume concerns on William Booth.
- Although a school is planned, there is no confirmed timelines or even a draft site plan from the board.
- In Newmarket, 12 of 29 schools surveyed have access aligned with other roads.
- Of those 12, only 3 are controlled by a stop sign, and in those cases was due to the fact they align with secondary and arterial roads. There is no consensus of a best practice that would require a stop sign at the school.
- Councillor Bisanz has requested this deputation be brought forward so that it may be processed as part of the Town's Traffic Mitigation Policy.

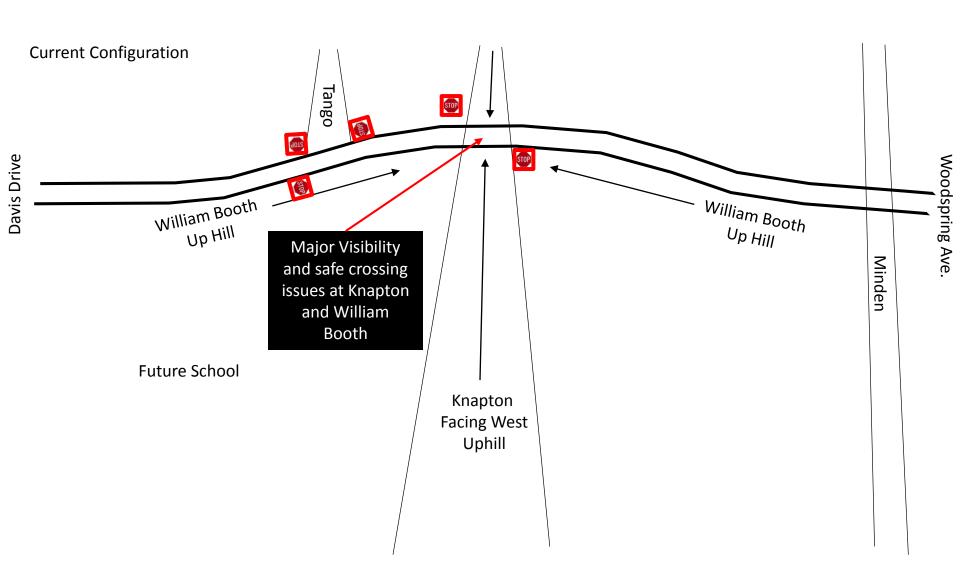
#### **Conclusions**

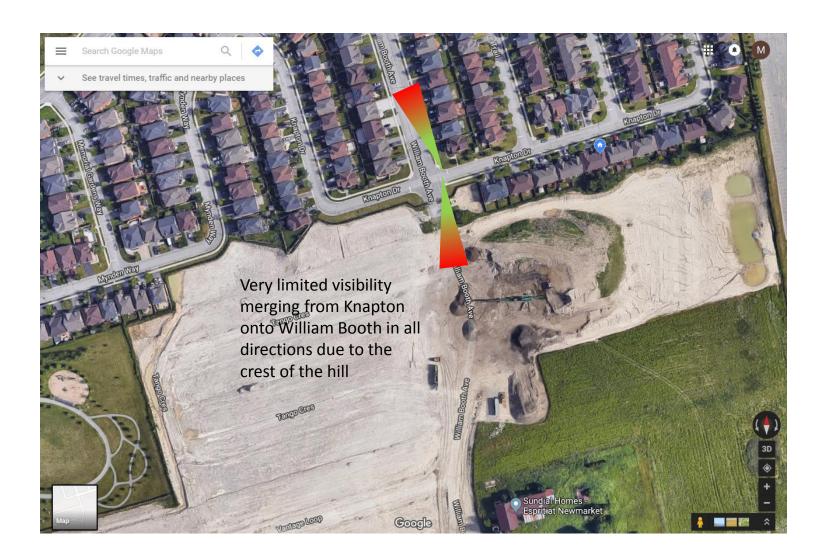
 It is requested that Council direct staff to report back on this request, taking into consideration the concerns of residents, current best practices, and future plans for the road. Should this proposal be acted on, it will greatly improve safety and overall functionality of transportation in this neighbourhood.

#### **School Intersection Best Practices**

School	Aligned With Interesction	Stop Sign
Bogart	Yes	Yes
Stone Haven	Yes	Yes
Terry Fox	Yes	Yes
Alexander Muir	Yes	No
Phoebe Gilman	Yes	No
Poplar Bank	Yes	No
Maple Leaf	Yes	No
Clearmeadow	Yes	No
Sir William Mulock	Yes	No
Armitage	Yes	No
Crossland	Yes	No
Sacred Heart	Yes	No
Dr. John M Denison	No	Yes
Huron Heights	No	No
Canadian Martyrs	No	No
St. Nicholas	No	No
St. Paul	No	No
Rogers	No	No
Notre Dame	No	No
Newmarket	No	No
Price Charles	No	No
Stuart Scott	No	No
JLR Bell	No	No
Prince Charles	No	No
Meadow Brook	No	No
Glen Cedar	No	No
Denne	No	No
St Elizabet Seaton	No	No
St John Chrysostom	No	No

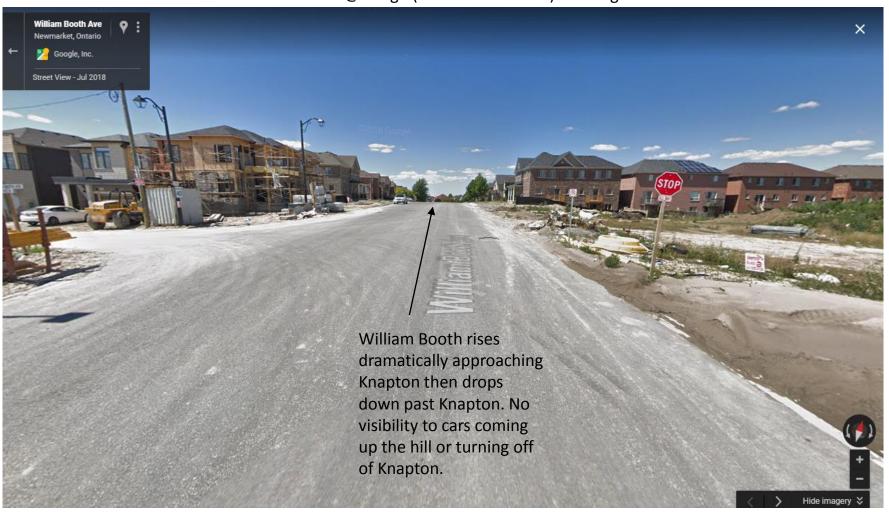
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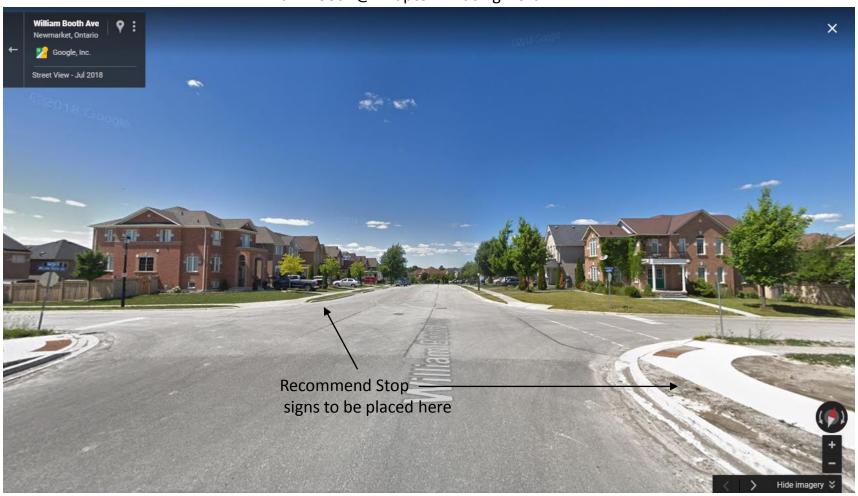


William Booth @ Knapton – Facing South 119 William Booth Ave × Newmarket, Ontario Google, Inc. ③ → Street View - Jul 2018 William Booth drops down and to the right after Knapton. Limited visibility of cars coming up the hill.

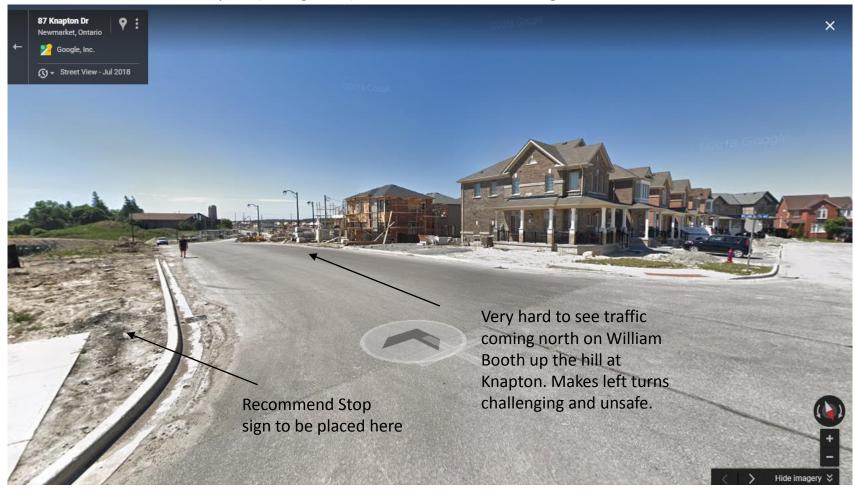
William Booth @ Tango (north intersection) – Facing North



William Booth @ Knapton – Facing North



Knapton (Facing West) @ William Booth – Looking South On William Booth



Knapton (Facing West) @ William Booth – Looking North On William Booth



Knapton (Facing East) @ William Booth – Looking South On William Booth



Knapton (Facing East) @ William Booth – Looking North On William Booth



