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Penn Avenue Traffic Review – Update #2 Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2023-46

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Meeting Date: June 19, 2023

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Penn Avenue Traffic Review – Update #2 dated June 19, 2023 be received; and,
2. That an all-way stop at the Penn Avenue/Hillview Drive intersection be approved; and,
3. That Traffic Bylaw be amended as noted in Appendix A; and,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council which intersection on Penn Avenue would be suitable for an all-way stop control.

Background

Staff Report 2023-27 (Penn Avenue Traffic Review – Update) was presented to the Committee of the Whole at its regular meeting on May 8, 2023 (agenda item #7.2), Discussions at the Committee meeting resulted in recommendations being amended to include the further review of an all-way stop at either the Penn/Hillview or the Penn/Denne intersection. Staff was to visit the site with the Ward Councillor to determine the best intersection for the all-way stop. The changed recommendations were ratified at the Town Council meeting following the Committee of the Whole on May 15, 2023 (agenda item #9.1.5).

Discussion

After reviewing the traffic and engineering data and based on a field visit with the Ward Councillor to examine the existing intersection configurations on the site, it is recommended that the all-way stop control be implemented at the Penn/Hillview intersection. This recommendation is further supported by the fact that Hillview Drive is being scheduled for full reconstruction in the near future. The reconstruction will include the addition of sidewalks that can be designed to enhance the all-way stop functions and to further improve safety for pedestrians in the area.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the all-way stop control be implemented at the Penn/Hillview intersection, and that the Traffic Bylaw amendments noted in Appendix A be adopted.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information, access and enhance travel to, from, and within Newmarket.

Consultation

There was no direct consultation required for the preparation of this report. Town staff met on site with the Ward Councillor to discuss the options and steps going forward.

Human Resource Considerations

None

Budget Impact

The signs and line painting will be under \$1,000.00 and will be funded through either the Public Works or Transportation Operating budgets. Any future improvements to the intersection will be funded through the Capital Works program for the reconstruction of Hillview Drive.

Attachments

Appendix A – Proposed Traffic Bylaw Amendments

Approval

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