

Council Agenda Report

Date: November 12, 2019

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SUBJECT: Traffic & Safety Committee Recommendations

Recommendation: That Council:

- Approve the Department of Public Works to create all way stops at the following intersections;
 - Shephard Ave. & Stone Boundary Road
 - East Appleby Ave. & Stone Boundary Road
 - Southside Ave & Stone Boundary Road

Discussion:

On Friday November 1, 2019 the Traffic & Safety committee met to review the intersections listed above to consider if these intersections should be converted to all way stops to reduce traffic speed in the area. With the development of Blackwater Landing, and Pintail Crossing over the past several years both having entrances and exits from Stone Boundary Road has increased traffic sufficiently. In addition, a couple of children day care centers have been established within the neighborhood not only increasing traffic with parents bring children to the centers, school buses picking up and dropping children off, but overall has increased children's presence all of which have increased the need for extra safety measures to be considered. Inasmuch as statics of accidents, etc. doesn't provide the necessity to recommend this change, the committee felt as though with the obvious increase in traffic and children as presented, warrants they should consider being proactive in addressing the neighborhood concerns and observations to attempt to reduce the speed of vehicles using Stone Boundary Road. So therefore, the creation of all way stops that these intersections is being recommended to assist in reducing traffic speed in this area hoping to diminish the possibility of a pedestrian being hit, and/or someone being seriously injured or killed in an auto accident.

Fiscal Impact:

The installation of the proposed signage upgrades is estimated to cost approx. \$600 which DPW can absorb from our 2019 fiscal budget.