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Date: September 28, 2023

To: Vision Zero Road Safety Committee

From: Mark Jacklyn
Director of Operational Services, Public Works Commission

Re: Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review Report No. 2023-547

At its meeting held June 27, 2023, Council deferred Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review report no. 2023-547, for one meeting cycle, to allow staff the opportunity to notify and solicit feedback from the residents on Terrace Hill Street of the proposed traffic calming measures in the neighbourhood.


A letter dated July 4, 2023, was delivered to 176 residents along Terrace Hill Street. A copy of the letter is attached as appendix "A" to this memo. Staff summarized the comments received from the three (3) residents below:

- Concerned that the proposed plan will increase traffic on Terrace Hill Street;
- Would like all-way stop control at the intersection of Wells Avenue and Terrace Hill Street, and removal of some parking on Terrace Hill Street to improve sightlines;
- Suggest all-way stop at the intersections of Terrace Hill Street and Grand Street and Terrace Hill Street and Broad Street;
- Reduce the posted speed limit to 40 km/h on Terrace Hill Street;
- Opposed to the proposed new stop signs and speed humps on Sydenham Street and directional (one-way) sections on Fulton Street, Sussex Avenue and Sydenham Street;
- Would like traffic studies completed prior to implementing changes;
- Concerned by the poor response to the Terrace Hill Street letter;
- Speed humps are an effective speed deterrent. Would like to see speed enforcement on Terrace Hill Street;
- Would like some traffic calming on Terrace Hill Street;
- Concerned with sightlines on Terrace Hill Street at St. Paul Avenue.

Based on the feedback received, staff recommends the following changes to be included in the Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review report no. 2023-547:

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- Reduce the posted speed limit to 40 km/h on Terrace Hill Street between Wells Avenue and West Street. This will provide a consistent 40 km/h speed limit between St. Paul Avenue and West Street.
 - Prohibit on-street parking on the north side of Terrace Hill Street from Wells Avenue to a point 67 metres east of the centre line of Wells Avenue. The proposed parking restriction incorporates three (3) existing No Parking zones, and will eliminate a total of two (2) parking spaces in front of 165 and 169 Terrace Hill Street. This will improve sightlines for vehicles turning from Wells Avenue.

Staff do not support implementing an unwarranted all-way stop control or traffic calming measures on Terrace Hill Street due to its frequent use by emergency services vehicles accessing the Brantford General Hospital.



Mark Jacklyn
Director of Operational Services, Public Works Commission

Appendix "A"



July 4, 2023

<p>Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Calming</p>
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Dear Residents,

As a result of traffic safety concerns raised by area residents, staff issued a neighbourhood survey to approximately 1,000 residents and businesses in the Terrace Hill neighbourhood in March 2022, to solicit feedback for staff to develop a neighbourhood safety review.

The area targeted for this review was bordered within Terraced Hill Street and Charing Cross Street (north/south) and between West Street and St. Paul Avenue (east/west). Staff received 101 responses with suggestions on how to improve neighbourhood livability and safety within the neighbourhood. Based on the information received and technical review, staff developed a neighbourhood traffic management plan. The proposed plan was presented to area residents at a Public Information Centre (PIC) on April 26, 2023, hosted by the Ward 3 Councillors.

The Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Traffic Review report was presented to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee at their meeting held Thursday, May 25, 2023. At the meeting, staff was requested to circulate the traffic calming recommendations to Terrace Hill Street residents. The traffic calming recommendations are attached as Appendix "A". You can also view the "Ward 3 Terrace Hill Neighbourhood Meeting" video at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DPq1MaztCU>

Please contact Melissa Lachance, Transportation Technologist at 519-759-4150 Ext. 5182 or e-mail at mlachance@brantford.ca before Friday, June 16, 2023 if you have any questions or comments regarding the traffic calming recommendations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Smith", written over a white background.

Rob Smith, C.E.T.,
Supervisor of Transportation Services

CC: Councillor J. Sless
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