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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP. Director Mobility Services and Corporate Fleet Services

**Environment and Transportation Department** 

SUBJECT/OBJET MODIFICATIONS TO PRINCE OF WALES DRIVE (REGIONAL

ROAD 73) TO ACCOMMODATE THE HAVENLEA AREA 4

**SUBDIVISION** 

# **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Prince of Wales Drive (Old Highway 16) and Crestway Drive and the construction of associated roadway modifications as described in the report and illustrated in Annex B, subject to the proponent, Tartan Development Corporation:

- 1. funding the total cost for the roadway modifications and the associated utility relocations which would include paying the total cost for the traffic control signal installation and their annual maintenance costs until such time as the signals meet the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario installation warrants and be in accordance with Council policy; and,
- 2. executing a legal agreement with respect to the above.

# **BACKGROUND**

Tartan Development Corporation are in the process of developing Havenlea, (Davidson Heights Phase 3 subdivision) located on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Prince of Wales Drive (Regional Road 73) and the proposed Crestway Drive. The site location is shown in Annex A.

This proposed residential development will be comprised of 300 single family dwelling units. In addition to secondary connections to Leikin Drive, the main access to this community will be facilitated by two intersections with Crestway Drive. In turn, Crestway Drive will be extended easterly to form the westerly leg of the intersection with Prince of Wales Drive.

Details on these proposed roadway modifications are discussed further in this report.

# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

Currently, this portion of Prince of Wales Drive (Old Highway 16) is a two-lane rural highway with a pavement width of 8.3 m, 3.8 m travel lanes, 3.0 m gravel shoulders and ditches of approximately 2.0 m in depth on both sides. The speed limit in this area is 80 km/h.

## <u>Pedestrians</u>

Traffic volumes were recently counted on 17 May 2000 on Prince of Wales Drive at Woodroffe Avenue which is the nearest surveyed location to the proposed intersection with Crestway Drive. This survey indicates no pedestrian activity along Prince of Wales Drive or Woodroffe Avenue within the eight-hour study period. In view of this, it can be reasonably assumed that pedestrian volumes along this portion of Prince of Wales Drive are very light.

## **Bicycles**

Prince of Wales Drive in the vicinity of the site is identified for on-road cycling facilities in the Transportation Master Plan and the Official Plan. Currently, bicycle lanes are not provided along this section of roadway in the area of the proposed development.

Similar to the pedestrian activity in this area of Prince of Wales Drive, bicycle volumes can be described as very light along this section of roadway. Over an eight-hour period on 17 May 2000 at Prince of Wales Drive and Woodroffe Avenue, only one southbound cyclist was detected.

#### Transit

Transit service is not provided along this section of Prince of Wales Drive.

# <u>Automobiles</u>

The above-mentioned traffic volume survey revealed that approximately 3,900 motorists travel in each direction over a selected eight-hour period. A combined total of approximately 13,000 motorists travel along this section of roadway over a 24-hour period.

# **DESIGN PROPOSAL**

To safely accommodate the projected increase in traffic volume entering and exiting the Havenlea, Phase 3 subdivision, modifications are proposed for Prince of Wales Drive at the proposed Crestway Drive intersection. These modifications consist of the following features:

- 1. the installation of traffic control signals (TCS);
- 2. the provision of a northbound left-turn lane;
- 3. the provision of a southbound right-turn lane; and,
- 4. the provision of a southbound bicycle lane or "pocket" between the right-turn lane and the through lane.

These proposals are illustrated in Annex B.

### Pedestrians

At this time, sidewalks are not proposed along either side of Prince of Wales Drive in this area. Sidewalks will be provided on Crestway Drive to link the subdivision plan to Prince of Wales Drive.

The proposed TCS will have push button actuation to assist in pedestrian crossings. Audible signals will also be installed.

#### **Bicycles**

Because of the generous pavement width (8.6 m) on Prince of Wales Drive, the proposed modifications do not include the construction of cycling lanes across the entire length of the development site. However, a 2 m bike lane or "pocket" will be provided between the southbound through lane and the parallel section of the proposed southbound right-turn lane. In addition, the provision of TCS at the intersection of Prince of Wales Drive and Crestway Drive will enable cyclists to safely cross the roadway.

## **Transit**

The proposed roadway modifications will not adversely affect future transit service that OC Transpo may provide for the area.

# Automobiles

In view of the high speed operation of the roadway and the infrequency of acceptable gaps in traffic during the A.M. peak period, the provision of TCS and auxiliary turning lanes at the main site access will significantly enhance motorist safety at this location.

# CONFORMITY TO THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The guiding principle from the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is the provision of a modal hierarchy with the emphasis on walking, cycling and transit usage. This principle is reflected in the following design features.

- 1. The provision of traffic control signals will provide pedestrians with safe and convenient opportunities to cross Prince of Wales Drive especially during the A.M. and P.M. peak periods. This conforms directly with 2.2.2 of the TMP.
- 2. The construction of a southbound cycling lane or "pocket" along the parallel section of the right-turn lane conforms to 2.3.4, item 2 of the TMP.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Should Regional Council approve the proposed roadway modifications to Prince of Wales Drive to accommodate the Havenlea, Phase 3 subdivision, then Tartan Development Corporation will be responsible for 100% of the costs.

# Cost Estimates

The following preliminary cost estimates are based on the functional design details, and are provided solely for the information of the Transportation Committee and Regional Council.

<u>Item</u>	Cost Estimate
Construction	\$149,000
Traffic Control Signals	\$100,000
Engineering	\$24,000
Contingencies	<u>\$24,000</u>
Total Estimated Cost Before GST	\$297,000

GST @ 7% \$21,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST

\$<u>318,000</u>

# **CONSULTATION**

Notice of the proposed Prince of Wales Drive modifications to accommodate the development of the Havenlea, Phase 3 subdivision has been placed in Le Droit, the Ottawa Citizen and the Ottawa Sun for four consecutive weeks.

# COMMENTS FROM THE REGIONAL CYCLING ADVISORY GROUP

A draft conceptual drawing of the proposed roadway modifications has been provided to the Regional Cycling Advisory Group for their review. Staff has requested that their comments be made available for the Transportation Committee meeting.

Approved by
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