TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW

FALLOWFIELD DRIVE

INFORMATION PACKAGE AND PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Wednesday November 15, 2017
Presentation at 7:00 p.m.
Lions Arena Hall
20 Rittenhouse Road
BACKGROUND:

Transportation Services has received requests from the local residents of Fallowfield Drive, between Block Line Road and Bleams Road, to review the existing traffic conditions along this roadway.

In response to these requests, the City of Kitchener initiated a Traffic Calming Review for Fallowfield Drive. This process includes extensive public input and the consideration of a number of alternatives with respect to social, economic and environmental impacts. This process will ensure that any decision resulting from this study is transparent, defensible and traceable. It is important that any future decisions made by the City in this regard are technically feasible, economically responsible and socially acceptable.

The traffic calming review for Fallowfield Drive will include the following processes:

- Early and ongoing public consultation in the planning process;
- Identification and review of a reasonable range of alternatives;
- An investigation of the impacts of each alternative;
- Evaluation of the alternatives as a basis to identify a preferred alternative;
- Selection of a preferred alternative;
- Implementation and monitoring of the plan;

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the study is to address traffic issues and concerns on Fallowfield Drive, between Block Line Road and Bleams Road. Our second public meeting for the Fallowfield Drive traffic calming review, along with the information package, is intended to obtain your input on the preferred solution. The presentation will summarize the traffic calming review process, existing conditions, resident feedback provided to date, preferred solutions for traffic calming and allow discussion on any identified issues and the overall process.

Your timely input and comments are crucial to the success of the traffic calming review. We strongly encourage your participation both by responding to correspondence and attendance at the public information centres.

TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS:

The City of Kitchener has an approved traffic calming policy that affects this study as follows:

- Traffic calming is used to address safety, speeding or through traffic issues.
- The City requires 25% support from affected residents to initiate a traffic calming study.
- Traffic calming devices can involve changes in traffic signing, traffic control and/or physical changes to the road.
- If neighbourhood issues are caused by the poor operations of the arterial network (Regional Roads) improvements to these adjacent roads will be considered.
- Vertical deflection devices are typically not recommended on Transit Routes, Emergency Response Routes and Major Collectors.
- In order to implement a traffic calming plan at least 60% support is required from the responses of 50% of the affected residents.

If you are concerned and affected by traffic on Fallowfield Drive, we need your involvement, input, and support for any changes.

RESIDENT INPUT:

On June 22, 2017, an initial public meeting was held to obtain input from area residents. Residents submitted comments by completing a questionnaire, e-mail submissions and by phone. All feedback was recorded and summarized. Based on a comprehensive review, and input received, we prepared and evaluated alternative traffic calming options and developed a technically preferred design.

*Chart #1 summarizes public input by location. We received a total of 29 responses.*

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<th>Street</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Fallowfield Drive</td>
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<td>Fallview Court</td>
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<td>Brisbane Court</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Joshua Street</td>
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Total Submissions: 29
*Chart #2 summarizes traffic concerns, as identified by residents:

- Speeding / Dangerous Driving - 47%
- Obstructed sightlines - 26%
- Pedestrian safety - 14%
- Through traffic & volume - 8%
- Heavy truck traffic - 4%
- Overnight parking - 1%

*Chart #3 summarizes the preferred traffic calming method, as identified by residents:

- Moderate - 48%
- Combo(Passive/Moderate) - 45%
- Passive - 7%
- Restrictive - 0%
- Do Nothing - 0%
The following table (Table #1) identifies suggested traffic calming measures, as identified by residents:

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<th>Suggested Measures</th>
<th>Number of times suggested</th>
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<td>Pedestrian crossing</td>
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<td>No parking near side streets and driveways</td>
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<td>Road narrowing / bump-outs</td>
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<td>Parking on one side of street only</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Center median / island</td>
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<td>Speed bumps</td>
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<td>No heavy truck signage</td>
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<td>Reduce speed limit</td>
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<td>All-way stops</td>
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<td>Pedestrian refuge island</td>
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<td>Pedestrian crossing signage</td>
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<td>Speed limit signage</td>
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<td>Textured pavement</td>
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<td>Painted middle line to identify lanes</td>
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<td>Children at play signage</td>
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<td>Bike lanes</td>
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<td>Enforcement</td>
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<td>Roundabout / traffic circle</td>
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<td>No overnight parking</td>
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RECOMMENDED CHANGES:

Based on a comprehensive review, and input received, we prepared and evaluated three traffic calming alternatives, including a preferred alternative. Alternative 3, displayed below, is proposed as the preferred option:

**Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative)**

- Intersection narrowings at Britton Place, Joshua Street, Brisbane Drive and Anastasia Drive;
- Narrowing extending from Brisbane Drive to the Balzer Creek Trail;
- Raised narrowing to help facilitate the connection Blazer Creek Trail across Fallowfield Drive;
- Median island with pedestrian refuge south of Fallview Street;
Proposed Parking Restrictions

Due to safety concerns related to sightlines for drivers exiting side streets and private driveways, new parking restrictions are being proposed on the south-west side (house side) of Fallowfield Drive between Britton Place to beyond the trail at Fallowfield Park. In addition, parking restrictions will also be instated where new traffic calming measures are being proposed including all narrowings and the median island. The map below identifies existing and new parking restrictions being proposed. All parking restrictions will be signed.

These parking restrictions will be completed through a separate report, which will be submitted to committee and council as soon as possible.
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE ATTACHED PAGES AND LEAVE THEM AT THE MEETING. YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL OR MAIL YOUR COMMENTS TO AARON AT THE CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW. COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY DECEMBER 15, 2017

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We need your input!

To help the study team with its work, we are requesting input from the public on the following three questions:

1. Do you agree with the recommended changes (preferred alternative) to address road user safety concerns along Fallowfield Drive? Please explain or provide additional comments.

   YES:  _____  NO:  _____

2. If you prefer other measures, or if you feel there are other issues and criteria that should be considered, please provide details below.

3. General Comments.
Please indicate your suggestions / ideas on the map of Fallowfield Drive below:

Comments/Explanation of Suggestion:

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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS, IF REQUIRED.

NAME AND EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

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