



September 2, 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: 16th Avenue North Railway Crossing – Traffic Regulation By-law #127-2001 Amendment to add Stop Sign

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend Traffic Regulation By-law #127-2001 to include the addition to Schedule O "Stop Signs at Intersections" for 16th Avenue North at 6th Street North:-

Schedule "O" Stop Signs at Intersections

Add:

Column 1
INTERSECTION

Column 2
FACING TRAFFIC

16th Avenue North and CP Rail
Crossing @ Mile 144.84

South bound on 16th Avenue North

Background:

At a meeting held on August 22nd, 2011 the City met with representatives from Transport Canada and CP Rail to discuss the issue of vehicular safety at the 16th Avenue railway crossing.

A review of the activity at the crossing has determined that a large number of vehicles move along Railway Street heading west, especially after a train passes, causing south bound vehicles crossing the tracks from Sixth Street North to become backed up as they are unable to enter Railway Street. Previously erected signage stating "Do Not Block Tracks" has not curtailed the practice of vehicles waiting on the tracks while attempting to cross.

Discussion at the meeting resulted in the recommendation to install a Stop sign on the north side of the tracks at Mile 144.84 located on Sixteenth Avenue North to make motorists more aware before proceeding across the tracks.

It will now be necessary to amend Schedule O "Stop Signs at Intersections" of the Traffic Regulation By-law No. 127-2001 to implement this change.

Budget: 2011 Operating Budget

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-law required.

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