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Subject: **Traffic By-law 93-93 – Administrative Update – File I.AC (TRAF)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Traffic By-law 93-93 – Administrative Update – (R230/2022 – File I.AC TRAF)**, to the Committee of Council meeting of March 30, 2022, be received; and,
2. That Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, be further amended.

Overview:

- **Administrative changes are required to update and/or add new by-law information to the appropriate schedules and consolidated text of the General Traffic By-law 93-93.**
- **The by-law schedule relating to “Yield Signs” and “Handicapped Loading Zones” is impacted by this administrative update.**

Background:

Administrative changes to Traffic By-law 93-93 are necessary on a regular basis as staff identifies, adds and modifies by-law information to the appropriate schedules of the by-law. This allows Traffic By-law 93-93 to support appropriate changes to the City’s road network and subsequent traffic and parking regulations.

Current Situation:

Yield Signs (Schedule V)- Elderwood Place And Elderwood Place

Field observations revealed that when vehicles are traveling south on Elderwood Place from Williams Parkway a significant number of motorists are not yielding to the eastbound and westbound through traffic and creating a potentially unsafe situation. Staff recommends an increase in the level of control from a Yield sign to a Stop sign at the intersection of Elderwood Place and Elderwood Place, to better clarify the right of way between vehicles approaching this intersection from conflicting directions. The proposed stop sign will entail motorists travelling southbound on the controlled leg to completely stop their vehicles before entering the intersection, and only proceed when it is safe to do so.

Handicapped Loading Zones (Schedule XXI)

As per agenda item 7.2 (Discussion Item re: Accessible Taxicab Pick-up and Drop-off Area on Central Park Drive) from the September 21, 2021 Vehicle-for-Hire Advisory Committee, the taxi zone on Central Park Drive will be removed and replaced with an accessible loading zone for the transit terminal. This requires an update to the “Handicapped Loading Zones” schedule of Traffic By-law 93-93.

As part of this update the “Handicapped Loading Zones” schedule will be renamed as “Accessible Loading Zones”.

Prohibited Pedestrian Crossings (Schedule XXXVI)

The installation of new traffic signals at the intersection of Private Driveway (8450 Torbram Road) and Torbram Road is only providing a pedestrian crossover on the north leg of the intersection, which necessitates restricting pedestrians from crossing on the south leg. The crossing on the north leg provides pedestrians safe access to and from the bus stops north of this location and avoids potential vehicle-pedestrian conflicts on the south leg of the intersection.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There is no financial impact resulting from the recommendation in this report.

Strategic Plan:

This report achieves the “Move & Connect” Priority of the Strategic Plan by supporting the “active transportation and cycling strategy” initiative of the plan.

Council Priority – Streets for People

This report incorporates the Vision Zero framework into transportation planning, design and operations to prevent fatal and serious injury from motor vehicle collisions within the City right-of-way.

Conclusion:

The aforementioned administrative updates to Traffic By-law 93-93 are required to properly support changes to the City's road network and subsequent traffic and parking regulations.

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