

To: Mayor and Members of Council

November 1, 2011

Re: Request for a 3-way stop

Background

The Town office has received numerous complaints about dust and speed concerns on the unpaved portion of White City Drive. The unpaved portion of White City Drive is in the jurisdiction of the RM of Edenwold. The Town and the RM cost share in the dust controlling of that portion of White City Drive. The dust control will only last until the road is graded. Due to the high traffic on that road, the road gets quite rough by the end of the season, therefore needs grading. Once the road is graded the dust control is inactive.

The other concern is the excessive speed in which people are travelling on White City Drive. The Town portion of White City Drive has a speed limit of 50km/hr. The RM portion of White City Drive that is in the RM of Edenwold has a posted speed limit of 50km/hr however this was unofficial as there was not a Bylaw supporting this speed limit. The speed limit on rural roads is usually 80km/hr. The RM of Edenwold Council passed a bylaw on October 25th officially lowering the speed limit along White City Drive to 50km/hr.

White City Drive from Emerald Gate East to the Garden of Eden Estates entrance is to be paved by the Developer of Garden of Eden Estates. This will hopefully be done in the summer of 2012. Pavement of this portion of road will address the dust concerns, but will not reduce the speeds, in fact it may even become more of an issue.

Discussion

The residents that reside on the corner of White City Drive and Emerald Gate East are requesting Council to have a 3 way stop at the intersection of Emerald Gate East and White City Drive. Please see attached map for location description. There is a stop sign on Emerald Gate East already, so there would only have to be two stop signs added to that location, both on White City Drive.

Budget Implications

The cost of 2 stop signs and posts is approximately \$160. There is adequate budget remaining for this expenditure.

Conclusion

Until there is pavement on White City Drive, there will continue to be a dust concern. Speed enforcement by the RCMP is needed, however that is not a 24/7 option. If there was a stop sign installed at that location, people will be forced to slow down. This will also help with the dust concerns until pavement is in.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that Council pass the following motion:

"THAT WHEREAS there have been concerns identified by the residents of Emerald Vista in regards to dust and speed on White City Drive,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a three way stop be installed at the intersection of Emerald Gate East and White City Drive.

Respectfully submitted,



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