

Members' Motion submitted to Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 23 October 2025

Moved by: Councillor S. Desroches

Motion Title: Motion – Councillor S. Desroches - All-Way Stop at Solarium Avenue and Andromeda Road

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Ward: City-wide

Motion d'un membre soumise au Comité de l'infrastructure et des travaux publics

Date de la réunion : le 23 octobre 2025

Motion de : Conseiller S. Desroches

Titre de la motion : Motion – Conseiller S. Desroches - Arrêt toutes directions sur l'avenue Solarium et le chemin Andromeda

Dossier n° (ACS) : ACS2025-OCC-CCS-0121

Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville

Motion

WHEREAS there is currently a temporary all-way stop control installed at the intersection of Solarium Avenue and Andromeda Road in the Riverside South community; and

WHEREAS this intersection is located immediately adjacent to St. Gianna School, where a significant number of students and families cross daily during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal periods; and

WHEREAS there is a temporary sign on Solarium Avenue stating, "Cross traffic does not stop after October 31," indicating that the existing all-way stop is intended to be removed following that date; and

WHEREAS members of the community, including parents, residents, and school representatives, have expressed ongoing concerns regarding pedestrian and traffic safety at this intersection; and

WHEREAS the temporary stop signs have proven effective in improving safety and reducing vehicle speeds in the area, thereby addressing community concerns; and

WHEREAS the local community has expressed strong support for maintaining the stop signs on a permanent basis to ensure continued pedestrian safety and promote a safe environment for all road users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the existing temporary all-way stop control at the intersection of Solarium Avenue and Andromeda Road be retained.

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ATTENDU QU'un panneau d'arrêt toutes directions temporaire se trouve actuellement à l'intersection de l'avenue Solarium et du chemin Andromeda, à Riverside-Sud; et

ATTENDU QUE cette intersection, située juste à côté de l'école St. Gianna, est traversée tous les matins et après-midi par un grand nombre d'élèves et de familles; et

ATTENDU QU'une affiche temporaire a été installée sur l'avenue Solarium pour indiquer que « les véhicules venant perpendiculairement ne font pas d'arrêt après le 31 octobre », signifiant que le panneau d'arrêt toutes directions en place devrait être retiré après cette date; et

ATTENDU QUE les gens du quartier, dont les parents, la population et les représentantes et représentants de l'école, ont soulevé des inquiétudes concernant la sécurité des piétons qui traversent l'intersection; et

ATTENDU QUE les panneaux d'arrêt temporaires se sont révélés efficaces pour améliorer la sécurité et réduire la vitesse dans le secteur, ce qui répond aux préoccupations de la population; et

ATTENDU QUE les résidentes et résidents sont fortement d'accord pour conserver les panneaux d'arrêt de façon permanente afin de protéger les piétons et d'assurer la sécurité de l'ensemble des usagères et usagers de la route;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le panneau d'arrêt toutes directions à l'intersection de l'avenue Solarium et du chemin Andromeda demeure en place.

Departmental Comment:

The removal of the temporary all-way stop control (AWSC) at Solarium Avenue and Andromeda Road has been paused.

Traffic Services, in the Public Works Department is working with Transportation Planning in the Planning, Development and Building Services Department to assess the feasibility of retaining an All-way stop control (AWSC) at this location. For the purposes of this comment, the requested traffic control will be referred to as a permanent AWSC.

Currently, the intersection does not meet Council-approved criteria for an all-way stop control. Further, the intersection also does not meet the requirements of the [Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation \(IASR\)](#) of the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, \(AODA\)](#), nor the City [Accessibility Design Standards \(ADS\)](#), for an AWSC. Specifically, curb depressions must align with the pedestrian direction of travel and include appropriately placed tactile walking surface indicators. Staff are assessing options, including potential funding sources to identify opportunities to implement these required geometric accessibility features should Council approve the motion. Even with Council approval, the implementation of a permanent AWSC at this location can only occur after all legislatively required accessible design features have been installed.

Staff will maintain ongoing communication with Councillor Desroches to provide timely updates.

Accessibility Implications:

All traffic controls must be implemented according to the [Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation \(IASR\)](#) of the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, \(AODA\)](#) and also meet applicable City's [Accessibility Design Standards \(ADS\)](#) related to exterior paths of travel, and specifically, to curb ramps and depressed curbs. The Provincial standard requires organizations to incorporate accessibility when building new public spaces, or when making planned significant alterations to existing public spaces. To adhere to both Provincial regulations and City standards, an intersection stop control with pedestrian crossings, must meet accessibility requirements which include:

- an appropriate curb ramp or depressed curb; and,
- appropriate tactile walking surface indicators (TWSIs).

The intersection of Solarium Avenue and Andromeda Road put forward for the implementation of a permanent AWSC is not fully equipped with the necessary curb depressions and TWSIs required for pedestrian crossings. Implementing a permanent AWSC without necessary retrofits will mean that this location would not meet compliance to the IASR of the AODA.

Based on a review of existing non-compliant AWSC locations in 2023, the City has had a Compliance Plan Agreement with the Province since this time and must provide regular updates as to the progress of mitigating all of these locations to include the

necessary accessible features.

AODA compliance is reported to the Province on a biennial basis by the City Clerk. A report is due to the Province by the end of 2025 and a compliance plan agreement update will be provided at that time, including progress on the mitigation of these previous non-compliant locations. Section 83 of the IASR states, “Administrative penalties, or fines, may be imposed on the City of Ottawa as a last resort by the Province of Ontario if compliance is not achieved. Based on the severity of the non-compliance, the penalty may be calculated daily up to a maximum total of \$100,000 for a non-compliance issue.”

Financial implications

If approved, the funding for the implementation of the recommendation is not within existing budgets. Staff continue to assess potential funding sources and once determined, will return to Council for approval if required.

Legal implications

Legal Services is aware of the Motion and will be at Council to respond to any questions.

Disposition:

This motion will be submitted to City Council for consideration on 12 November 2025.

Staff in the Public Works Department will implement the recommendations in this motion, as appropriate.