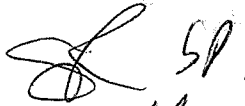
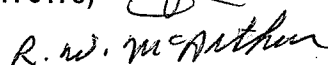

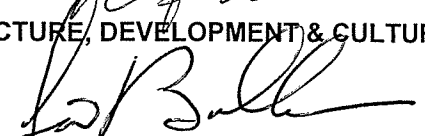

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: ALL-WAY STOP – BRUCKER ROAD AND GIRDWOOD DRIVE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That an All-Way Stop not be installed at the intersection of Brucker Road and Girdwood Drive.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On August 23, 2010, City Council adopted Motion 10-G-317 which stated:

“Staff of the Engineering Department investigates the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures for Girdwood Drive including but not limited to the installation of an all-way stop sign at the corner of Girdwood Drive and Brucker Road and report back to General Committee.”
3. In an effort to provide Council with background information, the approved All-Way Stop Request Policy and the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) All-Way Stop Warrant Guidelines will be made available in the Councillor's Lounge and has been summarized in Appendix “A”.
4. Girdwood Drive is a two (2) lane collector roadway, with a traffic volume of approximately 1,000 vehicles per day and a pavement width of 8.5 metres.
5. Brucker Road is a two (2) lane local roadway, with a daily volume of less than 500 vehicles per day and a pavement width of 8.5 metres.
6. City Council has the authority to install All-Way Stops at most intersections throughout the City.

ANALYSIS

7. In order to address the above motion, staff performed the following traffic studies and analysis at the subject intersection:
 - a) Existing intersection characteristics – traffic and parking control/conditions;
 - b) All-way stop warrant analysis;
 - c) Speed study; and
 - d) Survey of residents in the vicinity of the intersection, as per the City's All-Way Stop policy.

8. Existing Intersection Characteristics:

LOCATION (See Appendix "B")	INTERSECTION CONTROL	INTERSECTION TYPE	SPEED LIMIT
Brucker Road and Girdwood Drive	Girdwood Drive is the through street and traffic on Brucker Road stops.	3-legged intersection	50 km/h

9. The following chart summarizes the result of the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) warrants, resident surveys, and speed surveys conducted at the proposed intersection. The OTM warrant sets minimum criteria for traffic volume on all intersection approaches and the collision history of the intersection over a three-year period to determine whether an All-Way Stop should be installed at an intersection (see Appendix "A").

SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL AND SURVEY DATA

LOCATION	OTM WARRANT SATISFIED	SPEED SURVEY DATA	RESIDENT SURVEY	STAFF RECOMMEND
Brucker Road and Girdwood Drive	No	Girdwood Drive 85 th percentile – 56 km/h Average – 49 km/h	Surveyed – 64 Opposed – 7 In Favour – 3	No

10. Staff do not support the installation of an All-Way Stop as it does not satisfy the OTM All-Way Stop Warrant. The installation of unwarranted All-Way stops increase vehicle emissions, and may cause motorists to become disrespectful of traffic control devices, becoming non-compliant, as it causes unnecessary delay.
11. On January 17, 2011, Council approved a traffic calming policy for local and minor collector roadways. The roadways identified within this report will be added to our list for roadways to be investigated. If the roadway(s) meet the warrants for temporary or permanent measures, they will be ranked for consideration in future budgets.
12. Barrie Police Services and Barrie Fire and Emergency Service do not support the installation of an All-Way Stop as it does not satisfy the OTM All-Way Stop Warrant.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

13. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

14. There is one alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could authorize the installation of an All-Way stop at Brucker Road and Girdwood Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as the subject intersection does not satisfy the Ontario Traffic Manual All-Way Stop Warrant.

FINANCIAL

15. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommended motion.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

16. The 2010-2014 Council's Strategic Priorities have not been established as of the time of writing of this report.

APPENDIX "A"

**BRUCKER ROAD AND GIRDWOOD DRIVE
All-Way Stop Warrant Data Summary**

Description	Recorded Data	All-Way Warrant	Satisfied All-Way Warrant	
			Yes	No
Part 1a – Total Volume ⁽¹⁾ Peak Hour Traffic Volume ⁽²⁾	118 vehicles	Greater than 350 vehicles		
Part 1b – Volume Split ⁽¹⁾ Percentage of Traffic on Brucker Road (Minor Street)	14 vehicles (12%)	Greater than 25%		X
Part 2a – Collisions ⁽³⁾ Intersection Collision History	0 collisions over a 3 year period	Average 4 per year over 3 years		X
Part 2b – Visibility Stop Sight Distance from Brucker Road ⁽⁴⁾	No restrictions	Less than 65m		X

Speed Survey Summary – Girdwood Drive

Description	Recorded Data	Posted Speed
85 th Percentile Speed on Girdwood Drive ⁽⁵⁾	56 km/hr	50 km/hr
Average Speed on Girdwood Drive	49 km/hr	50 km/hr

Resident Survey Data

Description	Total	Percentage
Number of Residents Surveyed	64	100%
Number of Responding Residents	10	16%
Residents Opposed to All-Way Stop	7	70% of responding residents
Residents in Favour of All-way Stop	3	30% of responding residents

NOTE:

- (1) Both conditions for Part 1a - Total Volume and Part 1b - Volume Split needs to be met to satisfy the volume portion of the warrant.
- (2) Peak Hour Volume is the maximum number of vehicles that pass through the intersection during a one-hour period.
- (3) Collision history reviews collisions over a three-year period, which are only correctable through All-Way Stop control (i.e. right angle and turning type collisions) and which are reported to the Barrie Police Service.
- (4) Stopping sight distance required for a driver to see ahead in order to stop if necessary.
- (5) 85th percentile speed is the speed below which 85 percent of the vehicles are travelling along a roadway. The speed study was conducted on November 16, 2010.
- (6) The traffic count data was collected on September 29, 2010, with the speed data collected on November 16, 2010.

APPENDIX "B"

