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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 18, 2015

TO: Mr. Paul Hogan, PE *dh*
Councilman District IV

FROM: Sam Scholle
Director of Public Works/Wastewater

RE: **“All-Way” STOP at the Intersection of
Robert St and Early St, Paradis**

As you requested, in your April 13, 2015 memorandum (copy attached), a survey was done to determine whether an “All-Way” STOP Sign should be installed at the above referenced intersection.

The Department of Public Works has inspected the site and notes that there are “STOP” sign on Robert St and no signs on Early St.

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) gives the following criteria that should be met before installing an “All-Way” STOP sign:

- A. Where traffic control signals are justified, the “All-Way” stop is an interim measure that can be installed quickly to control traffic while arrangements are being made for the installation of the traffic control signal.
- B. A crash problem, as indicated by 5 or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by an “All-Way” STOP installation. Such crashes include right- and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions.
- C. Minimum volumes:
 1. The vehicular volume entering the intersection from the major street approaches (total of both approaches) averages at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day, and
 2. The combined vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle volume entering the intersection from the minor street approaches (total of both approaches)

averages at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to minor-street vehicular traffic of at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the highest hour, but

3. If the 85th-percentile approach speed of the major-street traffic exceeds 65 km/h or exceeds 40 mph, the minimum vehicular volume warrants are 70 percent of the above values.

- D. Where no single criterion is satisfied, but where Criteria B, C.1, and C.2 are all satisfied to 80 percent of the minimum values. Criterion C.3 is excluded from this condition.

Our survey revealed that none of these apply to the above intersection. If further information should become available the Department of Public Works can re-evaluate its review.

It should be noted that during inspection it was noticed that the streets parallel to Hwy 90 in this area have a lack of "STOP" sign, while all of the cross streets have "STOP"s. While there is nothing wrong with this, it is usually customary to have a checkerboard pattern of "STOP"s in areas where a network of streets (like area around Early St) exist.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to call.

Attachment

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cc: Parish Council
c/o Ms. Tiffany K. Clark

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