

Grandilli requests resolution to prevent sign pollution

By Angela Gismondi

Councillor Peter Grandilli is tired of seeing signs littering the corner of King Road and Highway 27 in Nobleton and he is going to do something about it.

"I do have a problem with these signs," said Grandilli who introduced the matter under the new business section of the meeting recently.

He said the signs look junky and make it hard for people to walk on the sidewalk.

"Some people have no respect for anyone," stated the Nobleton councillor. "They place these signs in the middle of the sidewalk. I don't think they should be there and unfortunately there is not much I can do about it except what I would like to do?"

Grandilli asked for council's consideration to send a resolution to the Region of York to amend their sign bylaw to prohibit signs at certain regional intersections. Because this is a regional bylaw regulating regional intersection signage, the resolution has to be sent to the Region of York if and when it is passed by council.

"That probably would eliminate most of my problems at this corner," said Grandilli.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said there have been similar complaints in King City. However, Mortelliti said he wanted to ensure signs for upcoming community events are permitted at King's major intersections.

According to Township clerk Kathryn Smyth, the regional bylaw currently only prohibits signs at the corner of King Road and Keele Street in King City. She added community event signs are seen as exempt.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out that if council was going to ask staff to look at the intersection at King Road and Highway 27, they may as well examine all major intersections along King Road up to and including Bathurst Street.

"Now it's a bigger discussion," said Pellegrini.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer asked that those in violation of the sign bylaw be contacted and told not to place their signs there anymore. Smyth responded letters will go out to the parties who are posting signage where it is not permitted.

Committee moved a recommendation that staff report back with pros and cons of prohibiting signage at regional intersections along King Road. That report, along with a draft resolution will be coming back at the next council meeting.