



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Coleman Avenue, between Barrington Avenue and Dawes Road – Results of the Speed Hump Poll

Date:	February 28, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches–East York, Ward 31
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report gives the results of the poll to determine support for installing speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Barrington Avenue and Dawes Road. The poll results showed less than 50 percent plus one ballot return rate, and staff recommend no further action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. no speed humps be installed on Coleman Avenue, between Barrington Avenue and Dawes Road.

Financial Impact

Adopting the recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve the three requested speed humps, the estimated cost for installing them would be \$9,000.00.

Transportation Services has asked for an allocation of \$750,000.00 in the 2007 Capital Budget for traffic-calming initiatives. The speed humps on Coleman Avenue would have to compete with other priorities for these limited funds.

DECISION HISTORY

The Traffic Calming Policy, adopted by City Council in 2002, requires a poll of households on streets being considered for speed humps. The policy requires that:

- 50% plus one of the ballots sent out to be returned
- At least 60% of the valid responses support the speed hump proposal
- Emergency services comment on the proposal's impact on safety.

At its meeting in September 2006, City Council endorsed speed humps on Coleman Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Clause No. 66 in Report No. 7 of Toronto and East York Community Council.)

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Janet Davis asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in October/November 2006 about installing speed humps on Coleman Avenue.

COMMENTS

Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	111	100%
# of responses	47	42%
# of spoiled ballots	0	0%
# of ballots in favour	35	74%
# of ballots opposed	12	26%

The polling results did not achieve the minimum 50% plus one ballot return rate required by the Traffic Calming Policy. The Policy imposes a two-year moratorium on further polling.

Comments from Emergency Services

We did not receive any specific comments regarding installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue. However, Fire Services has made it known previously they do not favour speed humps, particularly where and when they are not warranted. Damage to equipment can occur and their response time to an emergency situation is increased.

Alternative Recommendations if Toronto and East York Community Council wants to approve the speed humps

If Toronto and East York Community Council determines that the installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue would be beneficial, it should approve the following:

1. the City Solicitor prepare a draft bylaw for making three speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Barrington Avenue and Dawes Road, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-8491 (Attachment 1); and

2. the City reduce the speed limit on Coleman Avenue, between Barrington Avenue and Dawes Road from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-8491, dated August 2006

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