



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East – Results of the Speed Hump Poll

<b>Date:</b>	August 9, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto - Danforth, Ward 30
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07182te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report deals with matters for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report summarizes the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken to determine support for installing speed humps on Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East. The poll results showed a less than 50 percent plus one ballot return rate.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends to Toronto and East York Community Council that:**

1. traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East.

#### **Financial Impact**

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve installing speed humps on Leslie Street, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost for installing eight speed humps on Leslie Street is \$24,000.00. Funds are contained in the Transportation Services 2007 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of these speed humps would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting in July 2006, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Leslie Street subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Clause No. 56a in Report No. 5 to the Toronto and East York Community Council.)

## COMMENTS

Councillor Paula Fletcher asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in September/October 2006 regarding installing speed humps on Leslie Street.

### Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	159	100%
<b># of responses</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>45%</b>
# of spoiled ballots	0	0%
# of ballots in favour	50	69%
# of ballots opposed	22	31%

The traffic calming policy, adopted by City Council requires a poll of eligible voters be undertaken on streets being considered for traffic calming. The policy states:

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

As shown in the above table, the poll did not achieve the minimum 50% plus one ballot return rate stipulated in the traffic calming policy. When the polling requirements have not been met, a three-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

### Comments from Emergency Services

We did receive specific comments regarding installation of speed humps on Carlaw Avenue in the form of a letter dated May 4, 2006. (Attachment 2)

### Alternate Recommendations

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install speed humps on Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-8567 (Attachment 1); and

2. The City reduce the speed limit on Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Gerrard Street East from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-8567  
Attachment 2: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated May 4, 2006

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