



## **STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED**

### **Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue – 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>	Ts07180te.top.doc

#### **SUMMARY**

---

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 Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue. The poll results showed a less than 50 percent plus one ballot return rate.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

---

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

1. traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue.

#### **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 Carlaw Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost for installing seven speed humps on Carlaw Avenue is \$21,000.00. 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 March 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Carlaw Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Item No. TE4.68 of Toronto and East York Community Council.)

## COMMENTS

Councillor Paula Fletcher asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in May/June 2007 regarding installing speed humps on Carlaw Avenue.

### Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	608	100%
<b># of responses</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>42%</b>
# of spoiled ballots	0	0%
# of ballots in favour	161	64%
# of ballots opposed	92	36%

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 October 31, 2006 (Attachment 2).

### Alternate Recommendations

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install speed humps on Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-8805 (Attachment 1); and

2. The City reduce the speed limit on Carlaw Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Riverdale Avenue from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

## **CONTACT**

Dave Dignard, Acting Supervisor, Traffic Engineering  
Toronto and East York District  
Phone: (416) 338-5396  
Fax: (416) 392-1920  
e-mail: ddignard@toronto.ca

## **SIGNATURE**

Andrew Koropeski, P.Eng.  
Director, Transportation Services

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-8805  
Attachment 2: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated October 31, 2006

P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Toronto and East York\top\ts07180te.top.doc – cag