



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Vesta Drive, Between Bathurst Street and Mayfair Avenue – Results of Speed Hump Poll

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
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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 summarizes the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Vesta Drive, between Bathurst Street and Mayfair Avenue. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Vesta Drive, between Bathurst Street and Mayfair Avenue.

Financial Impact

The adoption of the above-noted recommendation would not result in any financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Vesta Drive, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Vesta Drive is \$9,000.00. 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 on March 27, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Vesta Drive subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE4.59 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Vesta Drive which was conducted in May/June 2007.

Poll results

Total no. of owner/tenants polled	390	100%
Number of ballots received	89	23%
Number of ballots in favour	63	71%
Number of ballots opposed	26	29%
Number of ballots returned by post office	67	17%
Number of ballots not replying to the poll	234	60%

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 stipulates that:

- a return rate of 50% of the eligible voters in receipt of a ballot;
- a support rate of 60% of the valid ballots received; and
- emergency services comments on the proposed impact to public safety.

As shown in the above table, the poll did not achieve the required 50% return rate. When the polling requirements have not been met, a three-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

Emergency Services Comments

The City's traffic calming policy requires consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services). In this regard, in a letter dated August 1, 2007, (Appendix A) Toronto Fire Services have advised that they are opposed to these speed humps.

Alternate recommendations

Although the factors with respect to installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Vesta Drive are as described in the December 20, 2006 staff report, should Toronto and East York Community Council wish to proceed with the installation of speed humps, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. the City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Vesta Drive, between Bathurst Street and Mayfair Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-8622, dated December 2006; and
2. the speed limit on Vesta Drive, between Bathurst Street and Mayfair Avenue be reduced from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-8622, dated December 2006
Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services

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