



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Helena Avenue, Between Bathurst Street and Wychwood Avenue – Results of Speed Hump Poll

<b>Date:</b>	July 24, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul's, Ward 21
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#### SUMMARY

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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 Helena Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Wychwood Avenue. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent.

#### 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 Helena Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Wychwood 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 Helena Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost of installing four speed humps on Helena Avenue is \$12,000.00. 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 of March 27, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Helena Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE4.58 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 Helena Avenue which was conducted in May/June 2007.

### Poll results

Total no. of owner/tenants polled	341	100%
Number of ballots received	<b>119</b>	<b>35%</b>
Number of ballots in favour	85	71%
Number of ballots opposed	34	29%
Number of ballots returned by post office	11	3%
Number of ballots not replying to the poll	211	62%

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
- 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

We have not received any specific comments regarding installation of speed humps on Helena Avenue. However, Fire Services has made it known previously they do not favour speed humps, particularly where and when they are not warranted.

### Alternate recommendations

Although the factors with respect to installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Helena Avenue 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 four speed humps on Helena Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Wychwood Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-8621, dated December 2006 (Attachment 1); and
2. the speed limit on Helena Avenue, between Bathurst Street and Wychwood Avenue be reduced from 50 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-8621, dated December 2006

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