



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Lambertlodge Avenue, between Christie Street and Melita Crescent – 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 Lambertlodge Avenue, between Christie Street and the west branch of Melita Crescent. The poll results did not achieve the required "50 percent plus one" return rate. Installation of speed humps should not proceed on Lambertlodge Avenue since there is no clear indication that residents support this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. not authorize installation of speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue, between Christie Street and the west branch of Melita Crescent.

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 the installation of speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. estimated cost to install five speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue is \$15,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$695,000.00 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 May 1, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE5.48 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc requested Transportation Services staff to report the results of the poll conducted in June/July 2007 regarding the installation of speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue. The poll results are as follows.

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	402	100 percent
Number of responses	84	21 percent
Number of ballots in favour	69	82 percent
Number of ballots opposed	15	18 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	318	79 percent

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 requires:

- a return rate of 50 percent plus one ballot;
- a support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid ballots received; and
- Emergency Services comments on the proposed impact to public safety.

As shown in the above-noted table, the poll did not achieve the required “50 percent plus one” return rate.

Emergency Services Comments

The City’s traffic calming policy requires consultation with Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services). We did receive specific comments from Toronto Fire Services regarding the installation of speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue in the form of a letter dated April 2, 2007. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix “A”.

Alternate Recommendations

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes 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 five speed humps on Lambertlodge Avenue, between Christie Street and the west branch of Melita Crescent, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-8767, dated April 2007; and
2. the speed limit on Lambertlodge Avenue, between Christie Street and the west branch of Melita Crescent be reduced from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-8767, dated April 2007
Appendix A – Letter from Fire Services, dated April 2, 2007

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