



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and W. R. Allen Bridge – 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

The purpose of this report is to outline the results of the poll conducted to determine the support for the installation of speed humps on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen bridge.

In light of the poll results which did not achieve a minimum 60 percent response in favour of the proposal, no further action is recommended at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. in light of the poll results which did not achieve a minimum 60 percent response rate in favour of the proposal, speed humps not be installed at this time on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W.R. Allen Bridge.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The adoption of the above-noted Recommendation will not result in any financial impact. If, however, Council decides to approve installing traffic calming devices on this section of Fairleigh Crescent, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing six speed humps would be \$18,000.00. Transportation Services has requested that the 2007 Capital Budget process allocate \$750,000.00 for traffic calming initiatives and installing speed humps on Fairleigh Crescent would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting of July 25, 26 and 27, 2006 endorsed the installation of speed humps on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge subject to a favourable poll of residents (Clause No. 35C, contained in Report No. 4 of the Toronto and East York Community Council).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

We have been requested by Councillor Joe Mihevc to report on the results of the polling undertaken on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge to determine the degree of support for the installation of speed humps.

COMMENTS

The Traffic Calming Policy, adopted by City Council in 2002, stipulates that a poll of households be conducted on streets being considered for the installation of speed humps. The policy stipulates that at least 50 percent plus one ballot be returned and a minimum of 60 percent of the valid responses should indicate support of the speed hump proposal.

The poll undertaken on the subject section of Fairleigh Crescent in September 2006 revealed that of the 77 ballots mailed out, 52 (56 percent) responded, of which 2 (4 percent) were spoiled, 29 (56 percent) were in favour and 21 (40 percent) were opposed to the installation of speed humps on the subject section of Fairleigh Crescent.

In light of the polling results which did not achieve the minimum 60 percent in favour of the proposal, no further action is recommended at this time. The policy further stipulates that in the event of an unsuccessful poll, a two-year moratorium would be in effect prohibiting another poll regarding traffic calming at the same location.

Further, the City's Traffic Calming Policy requires consultation with emergency services. In this regard, attached are copies of comments received from Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services, both of whom are opposed to the implementation of speed humps on the subject street.

Alternative Recommendations

Notwithstanding the results of the poll noted-above and the comments from Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services, if the Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of speed humps on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge, it must recommend that:

1. the City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for the alteration of the roadway on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge, for traffic calming purposes as described below:

“The construction of six speed humps on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-7324, dated March 2004”;

2. pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Act, Notice of Completion be issued;
3. the speed limit on Fairleigh Crescent, between Eglinton Avenue West and the W. R. Allen Bridge, be reduced from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, at the same time as the proposed speed humps are installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" – Letter from Emergency Medical Services
Appendix "B" - Letter from Toronto Fire Services
Drawing No. 431F-7324, dated March 2004

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