



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Larchmount Avenue, Between Eastern Avenue and
Queen Street East – Results of the Speed Hump Poll**

Date:	September 13, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto - Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts07199te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter 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 on Larchmount Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East. The poll results showed less than the required “50 percent plus one” ballot return rate. Installation of speed humps should not proceed on Larchmount Avenue as there is no clear indication that residents support this proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Larchmount Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East.

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 Larchmount Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Larchmount Avenue is \$15,000.00. 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 February 2007, City Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Larchmount Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Item No. TE2.51 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 Larchmount Avenue. The poll results are as follows:

Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	142	100%
# of responses	65	46%
# of spoiled ballots	0	0%
# of ballots in favour	45	69%
# of ballots opposed	20	31%

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:

- 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 proposal's impact on public safety.

As shown in the above table, the poll did not achieve the required 50 percent plus one ballot return rate. When the polling requirements have not been met, a two-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 September 21, 2006. (Attachment 2)

Alternate Recommendations

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Larchmount Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. the City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install speed humps on Larchmount Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-8758 (Attachment 1); and

2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit on Larchmount Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when the speed humps are installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-8758
Attachment 2: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated September 21, 2006

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