



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Hickson Street, between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens 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: | Davenport, Ward 18 |
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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 Hickson Street, between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens Avenue. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Hickson Street, between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens 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 Hickson Street, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Hickson Street is \$9,000.00. The installation of these speed humps would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 26, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Hickson Street subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE7.85 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Councillor Adam Giambrone requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Hickson Street which was conducted in August/September 2007.

Poll results

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| Total no. of owner/tenants polled | 88 | 100% |
| Number of ballots received | 27 | 31% |
| Number of ballots in favour | 18 | 67% |
| Number of ballots opposed | 9 | 33% |
| Number of ballots returned by post office | 5 | 6% |
| Number of ballots not replying to the poll | 56 | 63% |

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:

- a return rate of 50% plus one 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% plus one return rate. When the polling requirements have not been met, a two-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

Emergency Services Comments

We have received specific comments regarding installation of speed humps on Hickson Street from Toronto Police Services dated September 21, 2007 (Attachment 2), and Fire Services dated August 20, 2007 (Attachment 3).

Alternate recommendations

Although the factors with respect to installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Hickson Street are as described in the January 2, 2007 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 Hickson Street, between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9040, dated August 2007; and
2. the speed limit on Hickson Street, between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens Avenue be reduced from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9040, dated August 2007
Attachment 2: Letter from Toronto Police Services, dated September 21, 2007
Attachment 3: Letter from Fire Services, dated August 20, 2007

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