



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### George Street, between King Street and Church Street – Results of Speed Hump Poll

<b>Date:</b>	May 1, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 - York South-Weston
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#### SUMMARY

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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 George Street, between King Street and Church Street. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one, and accordingly, installation of speed humps is not recommended.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Not authorize installation of speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street.

#### Financial Impact

Adoption of the above-noted recommendation has no financial impact. If Etobicoke York Community Council decides to approve installation of speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost of installing four speed humps on George Street is \$12,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$295,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on George Street would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of October 30, 2007, Etobicoke York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item EY11.32 of Etobicoke York Community Council).

## COMMENTS

Councillor Frances Nunziata has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street, which was conducted in March/April 2008.

The Traffic Calming Policy, adopted by City Council requires among other matters, staff to undertake a poll of eligible voters on streets being considered for traffic calming and consult with Emergency Services.

With respect to the poll:

- a return rate of 50 percent plus one ballot; and
- a support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid ballots received is stipulated.

The poll results for George Street are as follows.

### Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	174	
Number of ballots returned by Post Office	3	
Number of eligible voters	171	100 percent
Number of responses required	<b>87</b>	50 percent plus one ballot
Number of ballots returned	<b>49</b>	<b>29 percent</b>
Number in favour of speed humps	35	<b>78 percent</b> of those that responded
Number opposed to speed humps	14	<b>22 percent</b> of those that responded
Number of spoiled ballots	3	
No reply	119	

In light of the polling results, which did not obtain the minimum response rate (50 percent plus one, as indicated in the above table), speed humps should not be installed on George Street, between King Street and Church Street.

### Consultation with Emergency Services

We have not received any specific comments from Emergency Services.

**Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of George Street have been notified in writing by the City Clerk that the speed hump poll on this street did not satisfy the required criteria and that any follow-up poll cannot be conducted for a period of two years. Residents have not specifically been told speed humps will not be installed, but may interpret the failure of the poll as the final decision on this matter.

**Alternate recommendations**

The factors respecting installation of speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street are outlined in the October 23, 2007 staff report. If Etobicoke York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of speed humps, it should adopt the following alternate recommendations:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing four speed humps on George Street, between King Street and Church Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. EY08-116, dated April, 2008; and
2. Reduce the speed limit on George Street, between King Street and Church Street from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment No. 1: Map