

Riverwood Parkway – Traffic Calming

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Stephen Drive. Although the traffic calming warrants are achieved on this road and Transportation Services staff did originally recommend that a poll be conducted on this street, the results of the poll indicate a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Drive East and Stephen Drive

However, a staff assessment has shown that positive poll results are achieved for the installation of speed humps on the section of Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Drive. Based on the poll results for the section of Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Drive, staff propose the installation of six speed humps on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Drive. In conjunction with the installation of the speed humps, staff also propose a 30 km/h speed limit on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue and Kings Point Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Based on the positive poll results, that the City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter sections of the roadway on Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Drive, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. EY08-123, dated May, 2008.

2. Approve a 30 km/h speed limit on Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Drive when the speed humps are installed.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Capital Budget	\$18,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a petition from residents of Riverwood Parkway, submitted to Councillor Peter Milczyn, Ward 5, Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Transportation Services Division staff investigated the feasibility of installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Riverwood Parkway. Based on the compliance of the traffic calming warrant criteria, staff recommended, in a staff report to Etobicoke York Community Council at its meeting of May 1, 2007, that a poll be conducted of eligible residents/property owners on Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Stephen Drive, in accordance with the traffic calming policy, to determine if residents/property owners of the roadway support the installation of speed humps. Etobicoke York Community Council adopted the report, without amendment, and a poll was undertaken in October of 2007. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

COMMENTS

Riverwood Parkway is classified as a local street located in the residential community west of Stephen Drive and north of Berry Road. Sidewalk exists on the east and north sides of the street. The posted speed limit on Riverwood Parkway is 40 km/h.

Riverwood Parkway, between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Road, is comprised entirely of single family homes. The section of Riverwood Parkway between Kings Point Road and Stephen Drive consists exclusively of low rise apartment buildings.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy stipulates that a minimum of 50% plus one of affected households/properties respond, and that 60% of valid responses support the proposal in order to implement the plan.

The poll results for Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Stephen Drive are as follows.

Number of ballots mailed out plus one affidavit	840	
Number of ballots returned by Post Office	145	
Number of eligible voters	695	100 %
Number of responses required	349	50 % plus one ballot
Number of ballots returned	191	27 %
Number in favour of speed humps	106	55 % of those that responded
Number opposed to speed humps	85	35 % of those that responded
No reply	504	

Based on the poll results for the entire section of Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Stephen Drive, the required response and support rates are not met under the Traffic Calming Policy.

However, when the poll results are examined in terms of responses received by Riverwood Parkway residents located between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Road, the portion of Riverwood Parkway consisting of single family homes, the required response and support rates are met under the Traffic Calming Policy.

The poll results for Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Road are as follows.

Number of ballots mailed out plus one affidavit	115	
Number of ballots returned by Post Office	5	
Number of eligible voters	110	
Number of responses required	56	50 % plus one ballot
Number of ballots returned	66	60 %
Number in favour of speed humps	45	68 % of those that responded
Number opposed to speed humps	21	32 % of those that responded
No reply	44	

Consultation with Emergency Services

We have not received any specific comments from Emergency Services.

Notification of Residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Stephen Drive 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.

Further Consultation with the Ward Councillor

Given the change in residential character of the street at Kings Point Road, further discussions with the Ward Councillor concluded that the street poll results should be considered in more detail. This further review concluded that, based on the positive traffic calming poll results received from the residents located on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Road, the installation of speed humps (six in total) would be appropriate on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue East and Kings Point Road, as generally depicted in drawing No. EYO8-123 (Attachment No. 2), and are therefore recommended. Also, in conjunction with the installation of the speed humps, it is recommended that a 30 km/h speed limit be installed on Riverwood Parkway between Glenaden Avenue and Kings Point Road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map
Attachment No. 2: Proposed Speed Hump Location Plan