



## **STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED**

### **St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West – Results of Speed Hump Poll**

<b>Date:</b>	January 15, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Davenport, Ward 18
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08026te.top.doc

#### **SUMMARY**

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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 St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West. 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 Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. not authorize the installation of speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West.

#### **Financial Impact**

Adoption of the above-noted recommendation has no financial impact. If Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve installation of speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing nine speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue is \$27,000.00. 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 St. Clarens Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of October 30, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE10.26 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

## **COMMENTS**

Councillor Adam Giambrone has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, which was conducted in November/December 2007.

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 St. Clarens are as follows:

### **Poll results**

Number of ballots mailed out	708	100 percent
Number of responses	<b>223</b>	<b>32 percent</b>
Number of ballots in favour	117	52 percent
Number of ballots opposed	106	48 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	485	68 percent

In light of the polling results, which did not obtain the minimum response rate (50 percent plus one, as indicated in the above table), nor the 60 percent support rate from those who did return ballots, speed humps should not be installed on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West.

## **Consultation with Emergency Services**

We have not received any specific comments from Emergency Services.

## **Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of St. Clarens Avenue 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 three

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 St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West are outlined in the October 12, 2007 staff report. If Toronto and East 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 nine speed humps on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9100, dated October 2007; and
2. reduce the speed limit on St. Clarens Avenue, between College Street and Bloor Street West from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9100, dated October 2007

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