

**Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and
Connaught Circle – Results of the Speed Hump Poll**

Date:	December 10, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts08008te.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 Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle. The poll results indicated a response rate less than 50 percent plus one, and accordingly, installation of speed humps is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. not authorize installation of speed humps on Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle.

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 Claxton Boulevard, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost for installing six speed humps on Claxton Boulevard is \$18,000.00. Funds are contained in the \$295,000.00 Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget request for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of these speed humps on Claxton Boulevard would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting in September 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Item TE8.73 of Toronto and East York Community Council.)

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll, taken in October/November 2007 regarding the installation of speed humps on Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle.

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 is stipulated; and
- a support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid ballots received is also stipulated.

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	153	100%
Number of responses	39	25%
Number of ballots in favour	29	74%
Number of ballots opposed	10	26%
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0%
No. of ballots not replying to the poll	114	75%

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 Claxton Boulevard.

Consultation with Emergency Services

We received specific comments from the Toronto Fire Service regarding installation of speed humps on Claxton Boulevard in the form of a letter dated October 4, 2007. (Appendix A)

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Claxton Boulevard 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 Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle are outlined in the August 21, 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 speed humps on Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9057, dated August 2007; and
2. reduce the speed limit on Claxton Boulevard, between Raglan Avenue and Connaught Circle from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

CONTACT

Teresa Carmichael, Engineering Technologist
Traffic Operations, Toronto and East York District
Phone: (416) 392-7771
Fax: (416) 392-1920
E-mail: tcarmich@toronto.ca

SIGNATURE

Andrew Koropeski, P.Eng.
Director, Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-9057, dated August 2007
Appendix A: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated October 4, 2007

P:\2008\Cluster B\TRA\Toronto and East York District\TOP\ts08008te.top.doc – cag