



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Rawlinson Avenue, Between Roehampton Avenue and
Broadway Avenue – Results of Speed Hump Poll**

Date:	April 10, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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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 Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue. The poll results indicated a response rate of 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 Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

1. The estimated cost of installing two speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue is \$6,000. Funds in the amount of \$265,000 are contained in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 12, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE13.35 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Councillor Michael Walker requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in March/April 2008 regarding the installation of speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue.

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 Rawlinson Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	10	100 percent
Number of responses	4	40 percent
Number of ballots in favour	4	100 percent
Number of ballots opposed	0	0 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	6	60 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), speed humps should not be installed on Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue.

Consultation with Emergency Services

The City's traffic calming policy requires consultation with Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services). We did receive specific comments from Toronto Fire Services and from Toronto Emergency Medical Services regarding the installation of speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue in the form of a letters dated January 10 and 25, 2008. A copy of each letter is attached as Appendix "B" and "C."

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Rawlinson 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 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 Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue are outlined in the January 23, 2008 staff report. If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes 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 two speed humps on Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9170, dated January 2008; and
2. reduce the speed limit on Rawlinson Avenue, between Roehampton Avenue Road and Broadway Avenue from 40 to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-9170, dated January 2008
Appendix A – Letter from Emergency Medical Services, dated January 25, 2008
Appendix B – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 10, 2008

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