



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Hump Poll Results - Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto - Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts08107te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report deals with matters 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 to determine support for installing speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue. The poll results showed a less than 50 percent plus one ballot return rate.

RECOMMENDATION

Transportation Services recommends to Toronto and East York Community Council that:

1. Traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve installing speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue is \$15,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$295,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting in September 10, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Item No. TE8.74 in Report No. 8 of the Toronto and East York Community Council.)

COMMENTS

Councillor Paula Fletcher asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in November/December 2007 regarding installing speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue. The results of this poll are shown in the attached chart.

Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	657	100%
# of responses	197	30%
# of ballots in favour	110	56%
# of ballots opposed	87	44%

The traffic calming policy, adopted by City Council requires a poll of eligible voters be undertaken on streets being considered for traffic calming. The policy states:

- 50% plus one of the ballots sent out be returned;
- at least 60% of the valid responses support the speed hump proposal; and
- Emergency Services comment on the proposal's impact on safety.

As shown in the above table, the poll did not achieve the minimum 50% plus one ballot return rate stipulated in the traffic calming policy. When the polling requirements have not been met, a two-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

Comments from Emergency Services

We did receive specific comments regarding installation of speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue in the form of a letter dated October 31, 2006. (Attachment 2)

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Wolfrey 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

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install speed humps on Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9117 (Attachment 1).
2. The City reduce the speed limit on Wolfrey Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Bowden Avenue from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9117
Attachment 2: Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated October 31, 2006

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