



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Speed Hump Poll Results – Shaw Street, between  
Bloor Street West and Dupont Street**

<b>Date:</b>	June 12, 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 19
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts108te.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 Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one and a support rate of less than 60 percent, accordingly, installation of speed humps is not recommended.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Not authorize installation of speed humps on Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street.

**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 Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing nine speed humps on Shaw Street is \$27,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$265,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of

speed humps on Shaw Street would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of February 12, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE13.32 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

## **COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of speed humps on Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street, which was conducted in May/June 2008.

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 Shaw Street are as follows:

### **Poll results**

Number of ballots mailed out	693	100 percent
Number of responses	<b>343</b>	<b>49.5 percent</b>
Number of ballots in favour	166	48.4 percent
Number of ballots opposed	165	48.1 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	12	3.5 percent
Number of ballots not returned	350	50.5 percent

In light of the polling results, which did not obtain the minimum response rate (50 percent plus one) and a minimum support rate (60 percent), as indicated in the above table), speed humps should not be installed on Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street..

### **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 Police Services and from Toronto Emergency Medical Services regarding the installation of speed humps on Shaw Street in the form of a letter dated January 9 and 25, 2008. A copy of each letter is attached as Appendix "A" and "B".

## **Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Shaw Street 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 Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street are outlined in the January 11, 2008 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 Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9160, dated January 2008.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Shaw Street, between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9160, dated January 2008  
Appendix A – Toronto Police Service, letter of January 9, 2008  
Appendix B – Toronto Emergency Medical Services, dated January 25, 2008

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