



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Speed Hump Poll Results - Knox Avenue, between
Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue**

Date:	July 25, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
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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 Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Traffic calming (speed humps) not be installed on Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern 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 Knox Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Knox Avenue is \$6,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$265,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Knox Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 12, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents. (Item No. TE13.37 in Report No. 13 of the Toronto and East York Community Council.)

COMMENTS

Councillor Sandra Bussin asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in May/June 2008 regarding installing speed humps on Knox Avenue. The results of this poll are shown in the attached chart.

Poll results

# of ballots mailed out	59	100%
# of responses	19	32%
# of ballots in favour	18	95%
# of ballots opposed	1	5%

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 Knox Avenue in the form of a letter dated January 25, 2008 (Attachment 2).

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Knox 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 Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install speed humps on Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9265 (Attachment 1).
2. The City reduce the speed limit on Knox Avenue, between Queen Street East and Eastern Avenue from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-9265, dated April 2008
Appendix A - Letter from Emergency Medical Services, dated January 25, 2008

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