



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Speed Hump Poll Results – Massey Street, between
Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West**

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one 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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West.

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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing two speed humps on Massey Street 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. The installation of

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 8, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE14.49 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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West, 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 Massey Street are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	351	100 percent
Number of responses	92	26 percent
Number of ballots in favour	62	67 percent
Number of ballots opposed	29	32 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	1	1 percent
Number of ballots not returned	259	74 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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West.

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 Massey 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 Massey 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 Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West are outlined in the February 28, 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 two speed humps on Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9173, dated January 2008.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Massey Street, between Queen Street West and Adelaide Street West from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9173, 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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