



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Results of the Speed Hump Poll – Dixon Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	August 15, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto - Danforth, Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08148te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report summarizes the results of a poll undertaken to determine resident support for installing speed humps on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Woodbine Avenue. The poll results showed a less than 50 percent plus one ballot return rate.

Since the poll was conducted, however, further discussion has taken place concerning the first block east of Kingston Road of the overall four block section of Dixon Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Not approve the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Woodbine Avenue.

**Financial Impact**

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

1. The estimated cost for installing one speed hump on Dixon Avenue is \$3,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$295,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing a speed

hump on Dixon Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of October 30, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Woodbine Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE10.17).

## **COMMENTS**

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

### **Poll results**

# of ballots mailed out	208	100%
<b># of responses</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b># of ballots in favour</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b># of ballots opposed</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>56%</b>

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, nor did 60% of the valid responses support speed humps. 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 Dixon Avenue in the form of a letter dated October 4, 2007 (Appendix A).

### **Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Dixon 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.

## **Further Discussions – Dixon Avenue between Kingston Road and Lockwood Avenue**

We polled the residents on a plan for four speed humps along the entire stretch of Dixon Avenue between Kingston Road and Woodbine Avenue. This covered the block between Kingston Road and Lockwood Avenue that operates one-way westbound, and the three blocks between Lockwood Avenue and Woodbine Avenue that operate one-way eastbound. Subsequent to the poll, residents of the section between Kingston Road and Lockwood Avenue met with Councillor Sandra Bussin and Transportation Services staff. They are concerned with the speed of drivers travelling on their short section of street from Lockwood Avenue to access Kingston Road. Residents requested that a single speed hump be constructed on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Lockwood Road, fronting Premises No. 24 Dixon Avenue. A petition indicating support for this proposal was provided.

### **Alternate Recommendations**

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing a traffic calming device on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Lockwood Road the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install a speed hump on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Lockwood Road, specifically fronting Premises No 24 Dixon Avenue and generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9400.
2. The City reduce the speed limit on Dixon Avenue, between Kingston Road and Lockwood Road from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-9400, dated August 2008  
Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated March 4, 2007  
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