



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street – Results of Speed Hump Poll

Date:	December 10, 2007
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 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 on Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one, and 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 Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds 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 Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Carling Avenue is \$9,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$295,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2008 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The

installation of speed humps Carling Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of October 2, 2007, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE9.34 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 Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street, which was conducted in October/November 2007.

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 Carling Avenue are as follows.

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	101	100 percent
Number of responses	30	30 percent
Number of ballots in favour	23	77 percent
Number of ballots opposed	7	23 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	71	70 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 Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street.

Consultation with Emergency Services

We have not received any specific comments from Emergency Services.

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Carling 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 Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street are outlined in the September 13, 2007 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 three speed humps on Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421F-9073, dated August 2007; and
2. reduce the speed limit on Carling Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Leeds Street from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421F-9073, dated August 2007

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