



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Lansdowne Avenue - Removal of Speed Bumps in the Public Lane to the Rear and West Side

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| Date: | January 14, 2009 |
| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 17 – Davenport |
| Reference Number: | p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090039-to |

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to remove five speed bumps from the public lane located in the rear and west side of Lansdowne Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West.

The proposed removal of the five speed bumps is being requested because of changes to the vehicular operating conditions in the public lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. The removal of five speed bumps in the public lane on the rear and west side of Lansdowne Avenue.

Financial Impact

| Type of funding | Source of funds | Amount |
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| Available within current budget | Transportation Services Division Operating Budget | \$1,000.00 |

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio forwarded a petition signed by 30 area residents to Transportation Services staff, requesting that consideration be given to the removal of five speed bumps in the public lane in the rear and west side of Lansdowne Avenue, south of St. Clair Avenue West. The request for the removal of the speed humps is being requested as a result of recent program changes that have occurred at Earls court Park, that has resulted in the reduction of the vehicular use of the public lane by park users.

DECISION HISTORY

The former City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of November 28, 2002, adopted Clause 21 in Report No. 13 of the Humber York Community Council which authorized the installation of five speed bumps in the public lane system bounded by St. Clair Avenue West, Lansdowne Avenue, Davenport Road and Caledonia Park Road.

COMMENTS

The residential properties located on the west side of Lansdowne Avenue, are serviced by a generally north-south public lane system, which at its terminus connects back to Lansdowne Avenue further to the south. The width of the lane is about 3 metres (it is not used by Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) vehicles). The attached Drawing Nos. EY08-286, EY08-287 and EY08-288 dated December 2008, show the locations of the existing speed bumps to be removed.

In 2002, Council approved the installation of five speed bumps in the subject lane, in an attempt to modify the driver behaviour of many park users, who used the public lane. In recent years, programming changes to organized sports activities at Lansdowne Park has resulted in less frequent use of the public lane by motorists other than the immediate residents, and the immediate residents expressed the view that the speed bumps were no longer required and should be removed.

The staff assessment of the request has determined that, given the changes that have occurred in the operating conditions in the public lane, removing the speed bumps might result in higher vehicular operating speeds, but operationally, the removal of the speed bumps will not have a substantive overall area effect.

Councillor Palacio supports the residents' request to have the speed bumps removed.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Drawing Nos. EY08-286, EY08-287 and EY08-288, dated
December 2008