



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Earlscourt Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road – Results of Speed Hump Poll

<b>Date:</b>	May 19, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 17 – Davenport
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#### 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 the traffic calming poll undertaken on Earlscourt Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one, and accordingly, installation of speed humps is not recommended.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Not authorize installing speed humps on Earlscourt Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road.

#### Financial Impact

Adoption of this report has no financial impact; however, if Etobicoke York Community Council decides to approve installation of speed humps on Earlscourt Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing approximately three speed humps would be \$7,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$295,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportations Services 2009 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on Earlscourt Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 8, 2008, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Clause No. 39 of Report No. 15, “Request for Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) on Earls court Avenue.” Community Council did not adopt the staff recommendation and instead, recommended amongst other things, that the City Clerk be authorized to conduct a poll of affected residents.

## COMMENTS

As directed, the City Clerk’s Division conducted the required poll to determine neighbourhood support for speed humps on Earls court Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road. Councillor Cesar Palacio requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll regarding the installation of speed humps on Earls court Avenue, which was conducted in February/March 2009. (The delay in issuance of the poll was as a result of the transition of the Polling responsibilities to Registry Services).

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 required.

The poll results for Earls court Avenue are as follows.

### Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	167	
Number of ballots returned by Post Office	8	
Number of eligible voters	159	100 percent
Number of responses required	<b>81</b>	50 percent plus one ballot
Number of ballots returned	<b>67</b>	<b>42 percent</b>
Number in favour of speed humps	44	<b>66 percent</b> of those that responded
Number opposed to speed humps	23	<b>34 percent</b> of those that responded
Number of spoiled ballots	0	
No reply	92	

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 Earls court Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road.

### Consultation with Emergency Services

Specific comments from Emergency Services have not been received.

Under the current polling policy, residents of Earls court 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.

The factors respecting installation of speed humps on Earls court Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road are outlined in the February 26, 2008 staff report. If Etobicoke York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of speed humps, the following should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Earls court Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road, generally as shown on Drawing No. EY08-39 dated February 2008; and
2. Reduce the speed limit on Earls court Avenue between Rogers Road and Hatherley Road from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map