

NOTICE OF MOTION

Traffic Calming:

Murray Road, Wilson Avenue to Plewes Road

Moved by: Councillor _____

Seconded by: Councillor _____

SUMMARY:

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

The area residents of the Murray Road and of the greater community (Ancaster Community) have expressed concern regarding the speed of motor vehicles on Murray Road, between Wilson Avenue and Plewes Road. As such they have requested that Transportation Services undertake a review of the feasibility of implementing Traffic Calming on Murray Road.

It should be noted that Murray Road is designated as a local roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. The east side of the roadway is comprised of single family homes whereas the west side of the roadway is comprised of industrial zoned lands.

Staff of the Transportation Services Division, in order to assess the existing traffic conditions has conducted 24 hour vehicle volume and speed studies on Murray Road. In reviewing the traffic data collected, the Safety Criteria and Technical Warrants of the Traffic Calming Policy were not warranted.

Notwithstanding, the above comments from Transportation Services, an Open House was conducted on June 3, where the residents were presented with three options with regards to the traffic operations along Murray Road as follows:

1. Do Nothing;
2. Implement a series of pinch points and raised centre medians (Gateway treatments); and
3. Implement a mountable/driveable median with landscaping (tree pits) along the entire length of the roadway.

The residents were asked to fill in a comment sheet with regards to the preferred plan and it was concluded that Option 3 was the preferred option.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. the City Clerk be directed to undertake a poll of the residents of Murray Road, from Wilson Avenue to Plewes Road regarding the installation of traffic calming measures, mountable centre median as per plan NY-1795B to determine resident support, in accordance with the City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy;
2. subject to a favourable poll;

- a. a road alteration by-law be prepared for Murray Road, from Wilson Avenue to Plewes Road for traffic calming purposes generally as shown on the plan circulated to the residents; and
- b. the speed limit be reduced from 50 km/h to 30 km/h on Murray Road, from Wilson Avenue to Plewes Road, coincident with the implementation of the mountable centre median.

Date June 4, 2009

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate	
Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	
Should be referred to Committee/Community Council	
Requires two-thirds vote to consider at this meeting	
Motion Recommendations are Urgent – (e.g. Health and Safety)	

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.

Members should discuss their Motions with appropriate City staff to ensure the correct information is included.