



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Hump Poll Results - Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
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SUMMARY

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

This report summarizes the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road. The poll results indicated a response rate of less than 50 percent plus one, as required in the traffic calming policy. Accordingly, installation of speed humps is not recommended on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road.

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, we are providing the results of the poll.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not authorize installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road.

Financial Impact

Adoption of the above-noted recommendation has no financial impact. If Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve the installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. the estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road is \$9,000. Funds in the amount of \$410,000 are contained in the Transportation Services 2009 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 18, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE20-45).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in January/February 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue.

The Traffic Calming Policy adopted by City Council requires among other matters, staff 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 the subject section of Albany Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	160	
Number of ballots returned by post office	6	
Eligible replies (Total number polled less ballots returned by post office)	154	100 percent
Number of responses	60	40 percent
Number of ballots in favour	52	87 percent
Number of ballots opposed	7	12 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	1	1 percent
Number of ballots not returned	94	59 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), installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road is not recommended.

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Albany 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.

Alternate Recommendations

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of speed humps on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9443, dated September 2008.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Albany Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road from 40 to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9443, dated September 2008

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