



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Results of Speed Hump Poll – Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue

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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 22
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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 Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue. The poll results indicate that less than the required 60 percent of the residents who responded to the poll are in favour of the installation of speed humps. Accordingly, the polling criteria is not satisfied and 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 Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue.

Financial Impact

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

1. The estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Millwood 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 Millwood Road is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on November 18, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE20.46 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Councillor Michael Walker requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in January/February 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on this section of Millwood Road.

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; and
- a support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid ballots received is stipulated.

The poll results for Millwood Road are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	121	100 percent
Number of responses	83	69 percent
Number of ballots in favour	47	57 percent
Number of ballots opposed	34	41 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	2	2 percent
Number of ballots not returned	38	31 percent

In light of the polling results, which did not receive the minimum support rate of 60 percent, speed humps should not be installed on Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue.

Consultation with Emergency Services

The City's Traffic Calming Policy requires consultation with Emergency Services (Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services) regarding proposed speed hump installations. All three services are opposed to installation of speed humps on this section of Millwood Road. A copy of each of their letters is attached as Appendix "A", "B" and "C", respectively.

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Millwood Road 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, despite the findings above, the Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of speed humps, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for traffic calming purposes, on Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9445, dated October 2008 which Transportation Services circulated to residents during the polling process.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary action to reduce the speed limit on Millwood Road, between Harwood Road and Forman Avenue, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when speed humps are installed.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9445, dated October 2008
- (2) Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated July 16, 2008
- (3) Appendix B – Letter from Toronto Police Service, dated July 22, 2008
- (4) Appendix C – Letter from Emergency Medical Services, dated July 25, 2008