



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Results of Speed Hump Poll – Henderson Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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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 Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street. The poll results indicated that less than the minimum number of residents responded to the poll. Accordingly, the installation of a speed hump is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not authorize installation of a speed hump on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street.

Financial Impact

The adoption of the above-noted recommendation will not result in any financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides a speed hump on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street, would be beneficial, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing one speed hump would be \$3,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$410,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2009 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing a speed hump on Henderson Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on November 18, 2008, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of a speed hump on Henderson Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE20.44 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in January/February 2009 regarding the installation of a speed hump on Henderson Avenue.

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 stipulated.

The poll results for Henderson Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	76	100 percent
Number of responses	27	36 percent
Number of ballots in favour	24	89 percent
Number of ballots opposed	3	11 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	49	64 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), speed humps should not be installed on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street.

Consultation with Emergency Services

The City's traffic calming policy requires consultation with Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services). We did receive specific comments from Toronto Fire Services regarding the installation of a speed hump on Henderson Avenue in the form of a letter, dated October 8, 2008. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix "A".

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Henderson 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

The factors respecting the installation of a speed hump on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street, are outlined in the October 8, 2008 staff report. If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with the installation of a speed hump, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter a section of the roadway on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the copy of Drawing No. 421F-9423, dated September 2008 that Transportation Services circulated to residents during the polling process.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary action to reduce the speed limit from forty kilometres per hour to thirty kilometres per hour on Henderson Avenue, between Manning Avenue and Clinton Street, when the speed hump is installed.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9423, dated September 2008
- (2) Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated October 8, 2008

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