



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Results of Speed Hump Poll – Grace Street

<b>Date:</b>	April 22, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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#### SUMMARY

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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 Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College Street. The poll results indicated that less than the minimum number of residents responded to the poll. Accordingly, the installation of speed humps is not recommended.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Not authorize installation of speed humps on Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College 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 speed humps on Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College Street, would be beneficial, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing seven speed humps would be \$21,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$410,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2009 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Grace Street is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting on February 9, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Grace Street subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE23.41 of Toronto and East York Community Council).

## **COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in March/April 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Grace Street.

The Traffic Calming Policy adopted by City Council requires, among other matters, that 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 is required; and
- a support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid ballots received is stipulated.

The poll results for Grace Street are as follows:

### **Poll results**

Number of ballots mailed out	544	100 percent
Number of responses	201	37 percent
Number of ballots in favour	121	60 percent
Number of ballots opposed	76	38 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	4	2 percent
Number of ballots not returned	343	63 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 Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College 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 speed humps on Grace Street in the form of a letter, dated January 20, 2009. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix "A".

### **Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Grace Street 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 that 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 speed humps on Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College Street, are outlined in the January 15, 2009 staff report. If 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 a section of the roadway on Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College Street, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the copies of Drawing Nos. 421F-9536 and 421F-9537, dated January 2009 that Transportation Services circulated to residents during the polling process; and
2. Transportation Services take the necessary action to reduce the speed limit from forty kilometres per hour to thirty kilometres per hour on Grace Street, between Harbord Street and College Street, when the speed humps are installed.

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### **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9536, dated January 2009
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-9537, dated January 2009
- (3) Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 20, 2009

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