



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Results of Speed Hump Poll - Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan Road

Date:	August 25, 2009
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 Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan 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 Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan 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 Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan 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 Arlington Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan Road, is \$9,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$410,000.00 are contained in the Transportation Services 2009 Capital Budget for

traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on Arlington Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of March 26, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Arlington Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE24-75).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in May/June 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Arlington 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 Arlington Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	113	
Number of ballots returned by post office	6	
Eligible replies (Total number polled less ballots returned by post office)	107	100 percent
Number of responses	50	47 percent
Number of ballots in favour	30	60 percent
Number of ballots opposed	20	40 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	57	53 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 Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan Road, is not recommended.

Notification of Residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Arlington 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.

Emergency Services Comments

The City's traffic calming policy requires consultation with Emergency Services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services). We did receive comments from Toronto Fire Services in the form of a letter dated January 22, 2009, and they were opposed to the installation of speed humps on this roadway. A copy of this letter was attached to our report dated February 26, 2009. Subsequent to the consideration of the aforementioned report by Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2009, we received comments from Toronto Emergency Medical Services. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix "A" and they are also opposed to the installation of speed humps.

Alternate Recommendations

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

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan Road, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9562 dated February 2009.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Arlington Avenue, between Earlsdale Avenue and Vaughan Road, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9562, dated February 2009
- (2) Appendix "A": letter dated Feb 13/09 from Toronto Emergency Medical Services

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