

Results of Speed Hump Poll – Little Norway Crescent

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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 Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road. 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

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not authorize installation of speed humps on Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road.

Financial Impact

Adoption of the above-noted recommendation has no financial impact. If Toronto and East York Community Council decides speed humps on Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road, would be beneficial, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing three speed humps would be \$9,000.00. 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 Little Norway Crescent is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 14, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Little Norway Crescent subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE26.57).

COMMENTS

Councillor Adam Vaughan requested Transportation Services to report the results of the poll conducted in June/July 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Little Norway Crescent.

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 Little Norway Crescent are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	289	
Number of ballots returned by post office	27	
Eligible replies (Total number polled less ballots returned by post office)	262	100 percent
Number of responses	73	28 percent
Number of ballots in favour	64	88 percent
Number of ballots opposed	9	12 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	189	72 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 Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road, is not recommended.

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Little Norway Crescent 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.

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 Little Norway Crescent in the form of a letter, dated April 1, 2009. They are opposed to the installation of speed humps on this street. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix "A". No response has been received from EMS or Toronto Police.

Alternate Recommendations

The factors respecting the installation of speed humps on Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road, are outlined in the April 27, 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 Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the copy of Drawing No. 421F-9640, dated April 2009, 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 Little Norway Crescent, between Queens Quay West and Stadium Road, when the speed humps are installed.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9640, dated April 2009
- (2) Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated April 1, 2009

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