



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Results of Speed Hump Poll - Dartnell Avenue, between
Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road**

Date:	October 14, 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 Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport 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 Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport 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 the installation of speed humps on Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport 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 Dartnell Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport 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 Dartnell Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 14, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Dartnell Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE26.58).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc requested Transportation Services report the results of the poll conducted in August/September 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Dartnell 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 Dartnell Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	45	
Number of ballots returned by post office	0	
Eligible replies (Total number polled less ballots returned by post office)	45	100 percent
Number of responses	23	51 percent
Number of ballots in favour	19	83 percent
Number of ballots opposed	4	17 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	22	49 percent

It might appear that the poll satisfied the response rate. However, Clerk's staff has advised when there is an uneven number of ballots sent out and the actual 50 percent results in the equivalent of counting a half-ballot (in this case 22.5 ballots) the required number is rounded up to achieve 50 percent. In the case of Dartnell Avenue 23 ballots is considered a 50% response. A total of 24 responses was required to satisfy the 50 percent "plus one ballot" criteria.

In light of the polling results, which did not obtain the minimum response rate, and therefore failed, installation of speed humps on Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, is not recommended.

Notification of Residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Dartnell 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

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

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9627 dated March 2009.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Dartnell Avenue, between Bridgman Avenue and Davenport Road, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9627, dated March 2009

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