

**Bicknell Avenue between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West – Speed Hump Poll Results**

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<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 12 – York South-Weston
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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report summarizes the results of the traffic calming survey undertaken between November 6 and December 7, 2009, for owners and occupants on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West. The survey exhibits a response rate of just 42 per cent. As a result, installing speed humps is not recommended since the minimum survey response rate greater than 50 per cent is not achieved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:**

1. Not authorize installing speed humps on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West.

**Financial Impact**

Adopting this report has no financial impact; however, if Community Council decides to approve installing speed humps on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West, the following financial impact results:

1. The estimated cost for installing approximately seven speed humps will be \$21,000.00. This will be accommodated within funds allocated by City Council as part of the Transportation Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of March 27, 2007, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY4.25, a staff report dated March 8, 2007, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West, to determine community support for the proposed traffic calming plan. This recommendation is based on a technical evaluation of the road for traffic calming purposes, and its compliance with the minimum warrant requirements specified by the City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy requires that staff undertake a survey of eligible property owners and occupants adjoining the streets being considered for traffic calming.

## COMMENTS

As directed by Decision EY4.25, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on November 6, 2009. The last date for filing a response was December 7, 2009. The survey is designed to measure community support for speed humps on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West. After calculating the survey results, Councillor Frank Di Giorgio requested that Transportation Services report to Community Council on the survey, despite its negative results.

With respect to the survey, each of the following criteria must exhibit a positive response:

1. A minimum response rate greater than 50 per cent.
2. At least 60 per cent of the respondents must favour the prepared plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Total Ballots Mailed	423
Ballots Required to Proceed (must be at least 51%)	199
Valid Ballots Returned	133
Respondents in Favour	92
Respondents Opposed	41

The survey results did not meet the response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires; consequently, the response rate is unlikely to accurately represent the views of the majority of residents, and under the policy, we cannot recommend installing speed humps on the section of Bicknell Avenue.

Under the current policy, the City Clerk has notified Bicknell Avenue residents in writing that the speed hump survey does not satisfy required criteria, and that any follow-up survey cannot be conducted for two years. Residents have not specifically been told that speed humps will not be installed, but can interpret the low response rate as an indication that existing traffic conditions and installing speed humps do not appear to be a particularly significant issue for most residents.

Notwithstanding our recommendation, should Community Council decide to proceed with installing speed humps, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing seven speed humps on Bicknell Avenue, between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West, generally as shown on Drawing EY07-231 dated August 2007.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Bicknell Avenue between Rogers Road and Eglinton Avenue West upon installation of speed humps.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map