



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Falstaff Avenue between Culford Road and Keele Street  
– Speed Hump Poll Results**

<b>Date:</b>	January 22, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 12 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100038-to

**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 August 31 and September 29, 2009, for owners and occupants on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street. The survey exhibits a response rate of just 48 percent. As a result, installing speed humps is not recommended since the minimum survey response rate of greater than 50 per cent is not achieved.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Not authorize installing speed humps on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street.

**Financial Impact**

Adopting this report has no financial impact; however, if Community Council decides to approve installing speed humps on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street, the following financial impact results:

1. The estimated cost for installing approximately eight (8) speed humps will be \$24,000.00. 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 April 4, 2006, Etobicoke York Community Council considered and adopted Item 42, a staff report dated February 24, 2006, recommending that a survey of property owners and occupants be conducted on Falstaff Avenue, between Jane Street and Keele Street, 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 under consideration for traffic calming.

As directed by Community Council, a survey was mailed to eligible property owners and occupants of Falstaff Avenue in July of 2006, with the last date for filing a response being September 8, 2006. The survey results did not meet the minimum response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires, just 16 percent of property owners/occupants responded.

In August 2009, following the two-year period during which another survey cannot be conducted, Councillor Frank Di Giorgio requested that Transportation Services staff arrange a second survey, this time reducing the survey area to between Culford Road and Keele Street.

## COMMENTS

With the continuing authority of Etobicoke York Community Council's decision regarding Item 42 at its meeting of April 4, 2006, Transportation Services requested that the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conduct a survey that was subsequently mailed to property owners/occupants on Falstaff Avenue, from Culford Road to Keele Street, on August 31, 2009. The last date for filing a response was September 29, 2009.

The survey is designed to measure community support for speed humps on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street. After calculating the survey results, Councillor Frank Di Giorgio asked 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 of greater than 50 percent; and
2. At least 60 percent of the respondents must favour the prepared plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Total Ballots Mailed	451
Ballots Required to Proceed (must be at least 50% + 1)	227
Valid Ballots Returned	218
Respondents in Favour	152
Respondents Opposed	63

The survey results did not meet the minimum 50 percent plus one vote response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires as just 48 percent of eligible property owners/occupants responded; 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 this section of Falstaff Avenue.

Under the current policy, the City Clerk has notified Falstaff Avenue residents in writing, that the speed hump survey did 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 we 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 eight speed humps on Falstaff Avenue, between Culford Road and Keele Street, generally as shown on Drawing 421F-8225 dated February 2006.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Falstaff Avenue between Culford Road and Keele Street upon installation of speed humps.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map