



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### MacDonald Avenue between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street – Speed Hump Poll Results

<b>Date:</b>	May 3, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 11 – York South-Weston
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100076-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 March 8, 2010 and April 6, 2010, for owners and residents on MacDonald Avenue, between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street. The survey exhibits a response rate of just 40 per cent. 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 MacDonald Avenue, between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street.

#### Financial Impact

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

1. The estimated cost for installing approximately nine (9) speed humps will be \$27,000.00. 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 January 12, 2010, Etobicoke York Community Council considered and adopted Item 35, a staff report dated November 12, 2009, recommending that the City survey property owners and residents on MacDonald Avenue, between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street, to determine if the community supports the proposed traffic calming plan. The traffic calming recommendation is based on a technical evaluation of the road 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 survey eligible property owners and residents adjoining the streets under consideration for traffic calming.

As directed by Community Council, a survey was mailed to eligible property owners and residents on MacDonald Avenue in March of 2010, with the last date for filing a response being April 6, 2010. The survey results did not meet the minimum response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires. Just 40 per cent of property owners/residents responded.

## COMMENTS

With the continuing authority of Etobicoke York Community Council's decision regarding Item 35 at its meeting of January 12, 2010, Transportation Services requested that the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conduct a survey that was subsequently mailed to property owners/occupants on MacDonald Avenue, from Rosemount Avenue to Jane Street, on March 8, 2010. The last date for filing a response was April 6, 2010.

The survey is designed to measure community support for speed humps on MacDonald Avenue, between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street. After calculating the survey results, Councillor Frances Nunziata 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 per cent; and
2. At least 60 per cent of the respondents must favour the prepared plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Total Ballots Mailed	196
Ballots Required to Proceed (must be at least 50% + 1)	99
Valid Ballots Returned	78
Respondents in Favour	55
Respondents Opposed	23

The survey results did not meet the minimum 50 per cent plus one vote response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires as just 40 per cent of eligible property owners/residents 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 MacDonald Avenue.

Under the current policy, the City Clerk has notified MacDonald Avenue residents, in writing, that the traffic calming 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 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 nine speed humps on MacDonald Avenue, between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street, generally as shown on Drawing EY-159 dated December 2009.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on MacDonald Avenue between Rosemount Avenue and Jane Street upon installation of speed humps.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map