



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Results of Speed Hump Poll – Hocken Avenue, between  
Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	March 26, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	St. Paul’s, Ward 21
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts10038te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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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 Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue. 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 Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue.

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, we are providing the results of the poll.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Not authorize the installation of speed humps on Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue.

**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 Hocken Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost of installing three speed humps on Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue, is \$9,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$418,000.00 are contained in the Transportation Services 2010 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. The installation of speed humps on Hocken Avenue is subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 15, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended installation of speed humps on Hocken Avenue subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item No. TE27.86).

## COMMENTS

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

### Poll results

Number of ballots mailed out	251	
Number of ballots returned by post office	10	
Eligible replies (Total number polled less ballots returned by post office)	241	100 percent
Number of responses	<b>111</b>	<b>46 percent</b>
Number of ballots in favour	83	75 percent
Number of ballots opposed	28	25 percent
Number of ballots spoiled	0	0 percent
Number of ballots not returned	130	54 percent

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

## **Notification of Residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Hocken 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 Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing three speed humps on Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. 421F-9680 dated May 2009.
2. Reduce the speed limit on Hocken Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Wychwood Avenue, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9680, dated May 2009

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