

## **Results of Speed Hump Poll – Glenmount Park Road**

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<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto - Danforth, Ward 32
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### **SUMMARY**

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

This report summarizes the results of a poll undertaken to determine resident support for installing speed humps on Glenmount Park Road, between Gerrard Street East and Corley Avenue. The poll results indicated that a majority of responses were opposed to speed humps.

It should be noted that since the poll was conducted, further discussion has taken place among residents within the southern most block, between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue. These residents are requesting that speed humps be installed on this section of Glenmount Park Road.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Not approve the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Glenmount Park Road, between Gerrard Street East and Corley Avenue.

#### **Financial Impact**

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides to approve installing two speed humps on Glenmount Park Road, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Glenmount Park Road is \$6,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$418,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2010 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Glenmount Park Road would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

**DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of September 15, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council endorsed the installation of speed humps on Glenmount Park Road, between Gerrard Street East and Corley Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE27.155).

**COMMENTS**

Councillor Sandra Bussin asked Transportation Services to report the results of the poll, taken in November 2009 regarding the installation of speed humps on Glenmount Park Road. The results of this poll are shown in the attached chart.

Poll results		
# of ballots mailed out	281	100%
# of responses	165	58%
# of ballots in favour	73	44%
# of ballots opposed	89	54%
# of ballots spoiled	3	2%

The traffic calming policy, adopted by City Council requires a poll of eligible voters be undertaken on streets being considered for traffic calming. The policy states:

- 50% plus one of the ballots sent out be returned;
- at least 60% of the valid responses support the speed hump proposal; and
- Emergency Services comment on the proposal’s impact on safety.

As shown in the above table, the poll results indicate that less than 60% of responses support speed humps. When the polling requirements have not been met, a two-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

**Comments from Emergency Services**

We received specific comments from Toronto Fire Services regarding installation of speed humps on Glenmount Park Road in the form of a letter dated January 19, 2009 (Appendix A).

**Notification of residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Glenmount Park Road 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.

## **Further Discussions – Glenmount Park Road between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue**

The residents were polled on a plan for four speed humps along the entire stretch of Glenmount Park Road between Gerrard Street East and Corley Avenue. This covered the block between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue and the two blocks between Burgess Avenue and Gerrard Street East. Subsequent to the poll, residents of the section between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue contacted Councillor Sandra Bussin. They expressed concern with vehicle speeds and the need for speed humps on this section of Glenmount Park Road.

### **Alternate Recommendations**

If Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing traffic calming devices on Glenmount Park Road, between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on Glenmount Park Road, between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0013, dated July 2010.
2. The City reduce the speed limit on Glenmount Park Road, between Corley Avenue and Burgess Avenue from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, as soon as the speed humps are installed.

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### **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0113, dated July, 2010
- (2) Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 19, 2010
- (3) Appendix B - Traffic Calming Poll Results – 2009

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