

## **Traffic Calming - Purdy Crescent**

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<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:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc130025-to

### **SUMMARY**

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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 October 18, 2012 and November 16, 2012, for owners and occupants on Purdy Crescent. At least 60% of residents polled must favour the speed hump plan. On Purdy Crescent, 68% of respondents indicated their support for the plan. In addition, a minimum survey response rate of 50 per cent plus one is required. On Purdy Crescent, the response rate was just 46 per cent. As a result, installing speed humps is not recommended since the minimum response rate is not achieved.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Traffic calming NOT be installed on Purdy Crescent.

#### **Financial Impact**

Adopting the above-noted recommendation does not result in any financial impact; however, if Community Council decides to approve installing traffic calming devices on Purdy Crescent, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing two speed humps will be \$6,000.00. This can 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 September 11, 2012, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY18.35, a staff report dated August 2, 2012, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Purdy Crescent 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 EY18.35, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on October 18, 2012. The last date for filing a response was November 16, 2012. The survey is designed to measure community support for speed humps on Purdy Crescent. After calculating the survey results, the area Councillor 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 plus one.
2. At least 60 per cent of the respondents must favour the prepared plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	144 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% +1)	73 (50% +1)
Valid Ballots Returned	66 (46%)
Respondents in Favour	45 (68% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	18 (27% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	03 (5% of respondents)

The survey results of the area did not meet the minimum 50 per cent plus one vote response rate that the Traffic Calming Policy requires as just 46 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 Purdy Crescent.

Under the current policy, the City Clerk has notified Purdy Crescent 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 several residents.

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

1. The City Solicitor prepares a draft by-law for installing two speed humps on Purdy Crescent, generally as shown on Drawing EY12-90 dated August 2012.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Purdy Crescent upon installation of speed humps.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Speed Hump Location Plan