



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Hump Poll Results – Barrington Avenue

Date:	October 16, 2013
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches – East York, Ward 31
Reference Number:	Ts2013190te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

At the request of Councillor Janet Davis, Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue. The poll provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot required by the traffic calming policy needed to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install traffic calming measures. Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not approve the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, would be beneficial, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing two speed humps would be \$6,000.00. Funds are available in the Transportation Services 2013 Capital Budget for traffic calming

initiatives. Installing speed humps on Barrington Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 22, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE21.90).

COMMENTS

Councillor Davis has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in June 2013, regarding the installation of speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue.

The traffic calming policy as adopted by City Council, requires among other matters that 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 responses is required.

The poll results for the subject section of Barrington Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	87	100%
No. of ballots received	37	43%
No. of ballots in favour	32	86%
No. of ballots opposed	3	8%
No. of ballots spoiled	2	6%

As shown in the above table, 37 of the 87 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 43 percent is less than the minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate required to consider the poll valid in accordance with the current polling policy. When the polling requirements have not been met the process to install the proposed traffic calming measures should not go forward. Also, a two-year moratorium is imposed on further polling.

Comments from Emergency Services

Staff has received comments regarding the installation of speed humps on the subject section of Barrington Avenue from Toronto Emergency Medical Services in a letter dated October 25, 2012 (Appendix A) and Toronto Police Services in a letter dated November 2, 2012 (Appendix B). Both services oppose the installation of speed humps on Barrington Avenue. Comments have not been received from Toronto Fire Services.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Barrington 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 been told specifically that speed humps will not be installed and have been advised that Toronto and East York Community Council has the final decision on the matter. However, they might 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 installing speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0928, dated December, 2012 attached to the report dated October 16, 2013, entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Barrington Avenue" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit on Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue and Doncaster Avenue, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when the speed humps are installed.

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Barrington Avenue is \$6,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Barrington Avenue would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in 2013.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0928, dated December 2012
- (2) Appendix B - Letter from Toronto Emergency Medical Services, dated October 25, 2012
- (3) Appendix C - Letter from Toronto Police Services, dated November 2, 2012

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