

**Results of Speed Hump Poll – Hamilton Street**

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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 30
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**SUMMARY**

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

At the request of Councillor Paula Fletcher, Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue. The poll response rate was less than the 50 percent plus one ballot required to consider the poll valid, as per the traffic calming policy. Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre 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 Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue.

**Financial Impact**

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

1. The estimated cost for installing three speed humps would be \$9,000.00. Funds are available in the Transportation Services 2013 Capital Budget for traffic calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Hamilton Street would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of May 14, 2013, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE24.69).

## **COMMENTS**

Councillor Fletcher has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in August 2013 regarding the installation of speed humps on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue.

The City Council approved traffic calming policy requires 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 Hamilton Street are as follows.

### **Poll Results**

# of ballots	184	100 %
# of responses	80	43 %
# of ballots not returned	104	57 %
# of ballots in favour	66	82.5 %
# of ballots opposed	10	12.5 %
# of spoiled ballots	4	5 %

As shown in the above table, 80 of the 184 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 Hamilton Street from Toronto Emergency Medical Services in a letter dated January 17, 2013 (Appendix A) and Toronto Fire Services in a letter dated January 31, 2013 (Appendix B). Comments have not been received from Toronto Police Services. Both services are opposed to installing speed humps on Hamilton Street.

## **Notification of Residents**

Under the current polling policy, residents of Hamilton Street 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 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 Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install three speed humps on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1038, dated April 2013, attached to the report dated October 23, 2013, entitled "Results of Speed Hump Poll – Hamilton Street" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit on Hamilton Street, between Dundas Street East and Kintyre Avenue, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when the speed humps are installed.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Hamilton Street is \$9,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Hamilton Street would be subject to funding availability in 2013 and competing priorities.

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-1038, dated April 2013
- (2) Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Emergency Medical Services, dated January 17, 2013
- (3) Appendix B - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 31, 2013

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