

Speed Hump Poll Results – Coleman Avenue

Date: October 14, 2016
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 31, Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue. The poll provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot required by the traffic calming policy in order to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install speed humps on the subject section of Coleman Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council deny the installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE 16.59).

COMMENTS

Councillor Janet Davis has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in September and October 2016, regarding the installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley 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 Coleman Avenue are as follows:

Poll Results

No. of ballots mailed out	175	100 %
No. of ballots received	77	44 %
No. of ballots in favour	57	74 %
No. of ballots opposed	14	18 %
No. of ballots spoiled	6	8 %

As shown in the above table, 77 of the 175 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate is less than the required minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate.

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.

Emergency Services Comments

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Paramedic Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Toronto Police Services - 54 Division provided their comments in the attached letter dated March 23, 2016 (Appendix A) and Toronto Fire Services provided their comments in the attached letter dated June 16, 2016 (Appendix B). Comments have not been received from the Toronto Paramedic Service.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Coleman Avenue have been notified in writing by the City Clerk that the speed hump poll on this street did not satisfy the minimum 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, however, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install four speed humps on Coleman Avenue, between Dawes Road and Sibley Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2057, dated February, 2016, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Coleman Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing four speed humps on Coleman Avenue is \$12,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Coleman Avenue would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2017 Capital Funding and competing priorities.

Councillor Janet Davis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2057, dated February 2016
2. Appendix A – E-mail from Toronto Police, dated March 23, 2016
3. Appendix B – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated June 16, 2016

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