

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Rosemount Avenue

Date: November 18, 2016
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 11 – York South-Weston

SUMMARY

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

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY14.26, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Rosemount Avenue to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan. This report summarizes the result of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Rosemount Avenue. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on September 28, 2016 and 46% of the residents on Rosemount Avenue responded to the polling. The minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council NOT approve installing traffic calming on Rosemount Avenue.

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 Rosemount Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated costs for installing eight speed humps on Rosemount Avenue will be \$24,000.00. Funding for these speed humps is available in the Transportation Services 2017 Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY14.26 (Traffic Calming - Rosemount Avenue, between Ralph Street and Queenslea Avenue). The Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria was not achieved, however, Etobicoke York Community Council recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Rosemount Avenue to determine community support for a traffic calming plan. As directed, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on September 28, 2016. The survey is designed to measure community support for the speed humps on Rosemount Avenue. The results are the basis of this report. Maps of the area are Attachment 1 and 2.

COMMENTS

Rosemount Avenue is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Collector" road. This street is located in the residential community east of Weston Road and north of Lawrence Avenue West. Sidewalks exist on both sides of the street. CR Marchant Middle School is located on the east side of Rosemount Avenue, between Macdonald Avenue and Ralph Street. The speed limit on Rosemount Avenue, between Ralph Street and Queenslea Avenue is 30 km/h.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy stipulates that a minimum of 50% plus one of the affected households/properties respond, and that 60% of valid responses support the proposal in order to implement the plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Rosemount Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	443 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	223 (50% + 1)
Valid Ballots Returned	204 (46%)
Respondents in Favour	138 (67% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	48 (24% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	18 (9% of respondents)

Transportation Services staff is unable to recommend traffic calming as the minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

Should Community Council decide to proceed with installing speed humps, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing eight speed humps on Rosemount Avenue, as shown on Drawing EY16-73 and EY16-74 dated April 2016.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of traffic calming proposals do not negatively affect their operations. Although we generally advise emergency services of our intentions, we do not always receive a formal response; however, in the past Toronto Fire Services has provided the following general statement regarding speed hump installation.

“...Toronto Fire Service is supportive of initiatives that improve the life safety of our citizens. Our concern is that the physical calming measures being proposed may negatively impact emergency response to the area.

The vertical restrictions imposed by speed humps have a much greater affect on large fire vehicles than smaller passenger vehicles. Response time increases with every obstacle a fire vehicle encounters on route from the fire station to the incident. Although the increase at each hump may only be seconds, the cumulative effect can be a significant amount of time that could result in increased property damage, unnecessary injury or loss of life. Speed humps are generally hard on large, heavy vehicles (fire vehicles) and increase the potential to suffer mechanical damage. This in turn can lead to a vehicle being placed out of service for considerable periods of time. Aside from the costs associated with repairs, there is a decrease in the resources available to respond to other emergency situations.”

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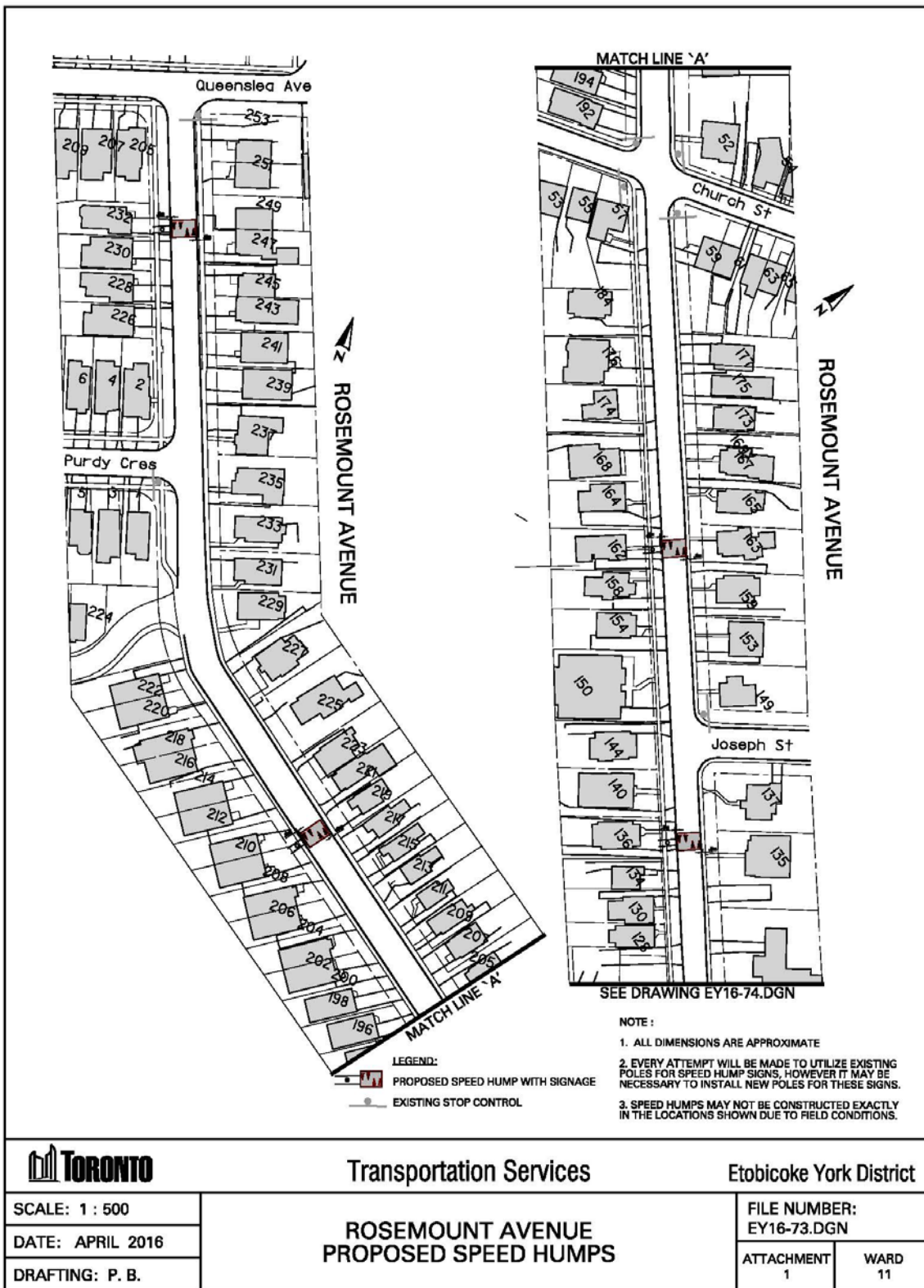
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ATTACHMENTS

1 and 2 Area Map (Rosemount Avenue - Proposed Speed Humps)



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