

Date: January 11, 2010
Mr Shawn Dartsch
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Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Wineva Avenue, between Queen Street East and Williamson Road – Evaluation for the installation of Speed Humps and/or Pinch Points.

Dear: Mr Dartsch,

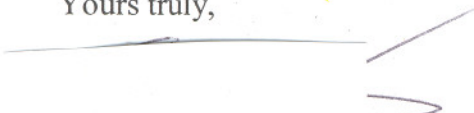
I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps and/or pinch points for Wineva Avenue, between Queen Street East and Williamson Road. I have the following comments:

Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighbourhood and we endeavour to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components. We look to the City's Traffic Calming Policy and its Warrant Criteria for guidance in our assessments and recommendations.

As documented in the in the Traffic Calming Policy, Toronto EMS has concerns regarding the usage of traffic calming measures, especially vertical obstacle measures such as speed humps, as there are negative effects on emergency call response times, travel times to hospital and on patient comfort during transport. This delay is cumulative with each obstacle and can directly impact upon patient outcome.

It is noted that this proposal does not meet the Warrant Criteria as set out in the Policy and as such, Toronto EMS is opposed to the installation of speed humps on Wineva Avenue, between Queen Street East and Williamson Road. It is important that the applicant(s) fully understand the potential for delay in emergency response. We further recommend that the applicant(s) consider that the proposed pinch points will reduce the potential number of parking spaces available on this street. This may cause EMS units to park in the middle of the street and cause an obstruction to the flow of traffic. Should the original paramedics on the scene require further assistance or allied agency help, this traffic obstruction will cause a delay in that help getting there.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shamez Kassam", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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