

## **Results of Speed Hump Poll – Wychwood Avenue**

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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>	St. Paul's, Ward 21
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2011003te.top.doc

### **SUMMARY**

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

At the request of Councillor Joe Mihevc, staff is reporting and providing Toronto and East York Community Council with the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood 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 Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood 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 Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of August 17, 2010, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted a motion from Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommending the installation of speed humps on Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE36.132).

## COMMENTS

Councillor Mihvec has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in October/November 2010 regarding the installation of speed humps on Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood Avenue.

The traffic calming policy, 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 Wychwood Avenue are as follows:

### Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	150	100%
No. of responses	63	42%
No. of ballots in favour	34	54%
No. of ballots opposed	29	46%

As shown in the above table, the poll results did not obtain the minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate. Further, the 60 percent support rate also was not achieved. 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 Wychwood Avenue, from Toronto Fire Services, letter dated August 24, 2010, (Appendix A), Toronto Emergency Medical Services, letter dated October 4, 2010, (Appendix B), and Toronto Police Service, letter dated October 13, 2010, (Appendix C). All three services are opposed to the installation of speed humps on this section of Wychwood Avenue.

### Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Wychwood 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 specifically been told speed humps will not be installed and 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 Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood 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 Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0114, dated July 2010.
2. Transportation Services reduce the speed limit on Wychwood Avenue, between Vaughan Road and Maplewood Avenue from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, upon installation of the speed humps.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Wychwood Avenue is \$9,000.00. Funds for traffic calming initiatives have been requested in Transportation Services 2011 Capital Budget submission. Installing speed humps on Wychwood Avenue would be subject to necessary funds being approved by Council in the Capital Budget and competing priorities.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421G-0114, dated July 2010  
Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated August 24, 2010  
Appendix B - Letter from Toronto Emergency Medical Services, dated October 4, 2010  
Appendix C – Letter from Toronto Police Service, dated October 13, 2010

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