



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Results of speed hump poll – Hastings Avenue

Date:	May 1, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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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 Paula Fletcher, Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East. 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 Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, 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 Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 18, 2011, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE3.57).

COMMENTS

Councillor Fletcher has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in February 2011 regarding the installation of speed humps on Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East.

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 Hastings Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	244	100%
No. of ballots returned	97	40%
No. of ballots in favour	74	76%
No. of ballots opposed	22	23%
No. of ballots spoiled	1	1%

As shown in the above table, 97 of the 244 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 40 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 Hastings Avenue from Toronto Fire Services in a letter dated October 26, 2010 (Appendix A). Comments have not been received from Toronto Emergency Medical Services or Toronto Police Services.

Notification of residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Hastings 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 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 Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, 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 Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0170, dated November 2010, attached to the report dated May 1, 2012, entitled "Results of speed hump poll – Hastings Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District; and
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit on Hastings Avenue, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when the speed humps are installed.

The estimated cost for installing four speed humps on Hasting Avenue is \$12,000.00. Funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 have been allocated in the Transportation Services 2012 Capital Budget under capital account CTP812-06. Installing speed humps on Hastings Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

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ATTACHMENTS

Drawing No. 421G-0170, dated November 2010
Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated October 26, 2010

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