Results of Speed Hump Poll – Galt Avenue

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar Avenue.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact. If, however, Toronto and East York Community Council decides speed humps on Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar Avenue, would be beneficial, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing three speed humps would be $9,000.00. Funds have been requested in the Transportation Services 2013 Capital Budget for traffic
calming initiatives. Installing speed humps on Galt Avenue would be subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

**DECISION HISTORY**
At its meeting of September 11, 2012, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE18.89).

**COMMENTS**
Councillor Fletcher has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in November 2012 regarding the installation of speed humps on Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar 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 Galt Avenue are as follows.

**Poll Results**

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<th># of ballots</th>
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<td># of responses</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>49.7%</td>
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<td># of ballots not returned</td>
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<td># of ballots in favour</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>82.3%</td>
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<td># of ballots opposed</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td># of spoiled ballots</td>
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The poll undertaken on Galt Avenue failed in achieving the 50 percent plus one response rate. Of the responses received, 82% supported the installation of speed humps.

**Comments from Emergency Services**
Staff has received comments regarding the installation of speed humps on the subject section of Galt Avenue from Toronto Emergency Medical Services in a letter dated July 18, 2012 (Appendix A) and they opposed this proposal. Comments have not been received from Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Police Services.

**Notification of residents**
Under the current polling policy, residents of Galt 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0797, dated August 2012, attached to the report dated December 14, 2012, entitled "Results of Speed Hump Poll – Galt 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 Galt Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Dagmar Avenue, from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, when the speed humps are installed.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Galt Avenue is $9,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Galt Avenue would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in 2013.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
(1) Drawing No. 421G-0797, dated August 2012
(2) Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Emergency Medical Services, dated July 18, 2012

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