



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Speed Hump Poll Results – Westover Hill Road

Date:	October 8, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts2015185te.top.doc

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West. The poll provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot, and a favourable rate of less than the 60 percent required by the traffic calming policy in order to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install an additional speed hump on the subject section of Westover Hill Road.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install an additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Deny the installation of an additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 16, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of an additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE 7.101).

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc has requested Transportation Services report on the results of the poll undertaken in July and August 2015, regarding the installation of an additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West. The traffic calming policy as 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 Westover Hill Road are as follows:

Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	86	100%
No. of ballots received	37	43%
No. of ballots in favour	19	52%
No. of ballots opposed	15	40%
No. of ballots spoiled	3	8%

As shown in the above table, only 37 of the ballots mailed out were returned. Of these, 3 were spoiled ballots. This response rate is less than the required minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate. As well, of the 34 valid replies, (37 less 3 spoiled ballots), 19 were in favour. This is less than the required minimum support rate of 60 percent, in order to consider the poll valid.

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.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Westover Hill Road have been notified in writing by the City Clerk that the speed hump poll on this street did not satisfy the minimum required criteria and that any follow-up poll cannot be conducted for a period of two years.

Residents have not been told specifically that any additional speed hump 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, however, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing an additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install one additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road, between Dewbourne Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1777, dated May, 2015, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Westover Hill Road" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing one additional speed hump on Westover Hill Road is \$3,000.00. The installation of a speed hump on Westover Hill Road would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in Transportation Services 2016 Capital Funding request.

Councillor Joe Mihevc has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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1. Drawing No. 421G-1777, dated May 2015

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