



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Hump Poll Results – College View Avenue

Date:	September 14, 2015
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 22
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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 Josh Matlow, Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road. 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 College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Not approve the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road.

Financial Impact

Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of June 16, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE7.102).

COMMENTS

Councillor Matlow has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in July and August 2015, regarding the installation of speed humps on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road. 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 College View Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	48	100%
No. of ballots received	6	13%
No. of ballots in favour	5	10%
No. of ballots opposed	1	2%
No. of ballots spoiled	0	0%

As shown in the above table, only 6 of the 48 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate 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.

Emergency Services Comments

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Paramedic Services) is required in order to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Staff first investigated the need for speed humps on College View Avenue in 2010 and was advised by Toronto Fire Services, in a letter dated October 26, 2010 (Appendix B, attached), that they are not in favour speed humps as they slow the response time of emergency vehicles.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of College View 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 been told specifically that 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, however, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on College View Avenue, between Elmsthorpe Avenue and Avenue Road, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0155, dated October 2010, attached to the report dated September 14, 2015, entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – College View Avenue" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on College View Avenue is \$6,000.00. The installation of these speed humps on College View Avenue would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in 2016.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-0155, dated October 2010
2. Appendix A – letter from Toronto Fire Services

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