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REPORT FOR ACTION

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Glenellen Drive East

Date: October 28, 2016
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY14.23, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Glenellen Drive East to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan. This report summarizes the result of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Glenellen Drive East. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on May 25, 2016 and although 63% of the residents on Glenellen Drive East responded to the polling, only 57% supported the installation of speed humps. As a result, the 60% "in favour" votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council NOT approved installing traffic calming on Glenellen Drive East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adopting the above-noted recommendation does not result in any financial impact; however, if Community Council decides to approve installing traffic calming devices on Glenellen Drive East, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated costs for installing four speed humps on Glenellen Drive East will be $12,000.00. Funding for these speed humps is available in the Transportation Services 2017 Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 10, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY14.23 (Traffic calming - Glenellen Drive East). The Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria was not achieved, however, Etobicoke York Community Council recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Glenellen Drive East to determine community support for a traffic calming plan. As directed, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on May 25, 2016. The survey is designed to measure community support for the speed humps on Glenellen Drive East. The results are the basis if this report. Map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Glenellen Drive East between Prince Edward Drive South and Park Lawn Road is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. It is located in a residential community south of Bloor Street West and east of Prince Edward Drive South. The roadway is built to rural standards (ditches and swales) without sidewalks on either side of the road. The speed limit on Glenellen Drive East is 40 km/h.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy stipulates that a minimum of 50% plus one of the affected households/properties respond, and that 60% of valid responses support the proposal in order to implement the plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Glenellen Drive East

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	140 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	70 (50% + 1)
Valid Ballots Returned	88 (63%)
Respondents in Favour	50 (57% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	30 (34% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	8 (9% of respondents)

Transportation Services staff is unable to recommend traffic calming as the 60% of the "In Favour" required responses were not achieved.

Eighty-eight replies were received which represent 63% of the households polled and only 57% support the installation of speed humps on Glenellen Drive East.

Should Community Council decide to proceed with installing speed humps, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing four speed humps on Glenellen Drive East, as shown on Drawing EY 16 - 46 dated March 2016.

2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Glenellen Drive East.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of traffic calming proposals do not negatively affect their operations. Although we generally advise emergency services of our intentions, we do not always receive a formal response; however, in the past Toronto Fire Services has provided the following general statement regarding speed hump installation.

"…Toronto Fire Service is supportive of initiatives that improve the life safety of our citizens. Our concern is that the physical calming measures being proposed may negatively impact emergency response to the area.

The vertical restrictions imposed by speed humps have a much greater affect on large fire vehicles than smaller passenger vehicles. Response time increases with every obstacle a fire vehicle encounters on route from the fire station to the incident. Although the increase at each hump may only be seconds, the cumulative effect can be a significant amount of time that could result in increased property damage, unnecessary injury or loss of life. Speed humps are generally hard on large, heavy vehicles (fire vehicles) and increase the potential to suffer mechanical damage. This in turn can lead to a vehicle being placed out of service for considerable periods of time. Aside from the costs associated with repairs, there is a decrease in the resources available to respond to other emergency situations."

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (Glenellen Drive East)

Area Map: Glenellen Drive East

