Speed Hump Poll Results – Raglan Avenue

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| To:          | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From:        | Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District |
| Wards:       | St. Paul's, Ward 21 |
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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 Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard. 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 speed humps on the subject section of Raglan Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Deny the installation of speed humps on Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
At its meeting of October 6, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE 11.68).

COMMENTS
Councillor Joe Mihevc has requested Transportation Services report on the results of the poll undertaken in November and December 2015, regarding the installation of speed humps on Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard. 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 Raglan Avenue are as follows:

### Poll results

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<tr>
<td>No. of ballots received</td>
<td>360</td>
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<td>No. of ballots in favour</td>
<td>194</td>
<td>54%</td>
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<td>No. of ballots opposed</td>
<td>146</td>
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As shown in the above table, only 360 of the ballots mailed out were returned. Of these, 20 were spoiled ballots. This response rate is less than the required minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate. As well, of the 340 valid replies (360 less 20 spoiled ballots), 194 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 Raglan Avenue 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 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 Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install six speed humps on Raglan Avenue, between St. Clair Avenue West and Claxton Boulevard, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1892, dated September, 2015, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Raglan Avenue" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing six speed humps on Raglan Avenue is $18,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Raglan Avenue 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-1892, dated September 2015