



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Speed Hump Poll Results – Major Street

<b>Date:</b>	February 11, 2016
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2016063te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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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 Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street. The poll provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot 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 Major Street.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street, is not recommended.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Deny the installation of speed humps on Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street.

### Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting of November 10, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE12.81).

## COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Cressy has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in November and December 2015, regarding the installation of speed humps on Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street. 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 Major Street are as follows:

### Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	232	100%
No. of ballots received	108	47%
No. of ballots in favour	78	72%
No. of ballots opposed	28	26%
No. of ballots spoiled	2	2%

As shown in the above table, only 108 of the 232 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.

### Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Major Street 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 Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install five speed humps on Major Street, between College Street and Ulster Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1965, dated November, 2015, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Major Street" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Major Street is \$15,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Major Street would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in Transportation Services 2016 Capital Funding request.

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

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

1. Drawing No. 421G-1965, dated November 2015
2. Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services

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