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 Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue. 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 Devon Road.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue, 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 Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.
DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of February 23, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE14.66).

COMMENTS
Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in March 2016, regarding the installation of speed humps on Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue. 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 Devon Road are as follows:

Poll results

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<th>No. of ballots mailed out</th>
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<tr>
<td>No. of ballots received</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>No. of ballots in favour</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>2</td>
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As shown in the above table, only 55 of the 116 ballots mailed out were returned. Of these, 7 were spoiled ballots. This response rate is less than the required minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate.

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 Emergency Medical Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Toronto Paramedic Services provided their comments in the attached letter dated January 8, 2016 (Appendix B) and Toronto Fire Services provided their comments in the attached letter dated January 12, 2016 (Appendix C). Comments have not been received from the Toronto Police Service.
Notification of Residents
Under the polling policy, residents of Devon 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 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 Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install four speed humps on Devon Road, between Gerrard Street East and Cassels Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2043, dated January 2016, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Devon Road" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing four speed humps on Devon Road is $12,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Devon Road would be subject to funding availability and competing priorities in Transportation Services 2017 Capital Funding request.
Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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3. Appendix B – Letter from Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 12, 2016

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