STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Speed Hump Poll Results – Westwood Avenue

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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 Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley 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 Westwood Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley 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 Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley Avenue.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications to this report.
DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of October 6, 2015, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE11.70).

COMMENTS
Councillor Mary Fragedakis has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in March 2016, regarding the installation of speed humps on Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley 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 Westwood Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

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<td>No. of ballots mailed out</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>No. of ballots received</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>No. of ballots in favour</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>No. of ballots opposed</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>No. of ballots spoiled</td>
<td>2</td>
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As shown in the above table, 60 of the 126 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 48 percent 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. Comments have not been received from Emergency Services.

Notification of residents
Under the current polling policy, residents of Westwood 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 specifically been told 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 Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley Avenue, the following alternate recommendation should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install three speed humps on Westwood Avenue, between Logan Avenue and Burley Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1893, dated September 2015, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Westwood Avenue" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Westwood Avenue is $9,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Westwood Avenue would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2017 Capital Funding and competing priorities.

Councillor Mary Fragedakis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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1. Drawing No. 421G-1893, September 2015