



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Speed Hump Poll Results – Avion Avenue

Date:	July 18, 2016
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches – East York, Ward 32
Reference Number:	Ts2016138te.top.doc

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 Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean 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 Avion Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean 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 Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean Avenue.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications to this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 5, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE15.59).

COMMENTS

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in June 2016, regarding the installation of speed humps on Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean 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 Avion Avenue are as follows:

Poll results

No. of ballots mailed out	49	100%
No. of ballots received	25	51%
No. of ballots in favour	21	84%
No. of ballots opposed	4	16%
No. of ballots spoiled	0	0%

As shown in the above table, 25 of the 49 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 51 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. Toronto Fire Services have provided their comments in the attached letter dated March 24, 2016 (Appendix A). Comments have not been received from Toronto Paramedic Services and Toronto Police Services.

Notification of Residents

Under the current polling policy, residents of Avion 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 Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean Avenue, the following alternate recommendation should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on Avion Avenue, between Glen Manor Drive and MacLean Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2071, dated February 2016, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Avion Avenue" from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Avion Avenue is \$6,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Avion Avenue would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2017 Capital Funding and competing priorities.

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2071, dated February 2016
2. Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated March 24, 2016

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