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REPORT FOR ACTION

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Kennedy Avenue

Date: January 26, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale - High Park

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

At its meeting of September 7, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY16.55, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Kennedy Avenue to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan. This report summarizes the result of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Kennedy Avenue. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents although 87% of the residents on Kennedy Avenue responded to the polling, only 58% supported the installation of speed humps. As a result, the 60% "in favour" votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council NOT approved installing traffic calming on Kennedy Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Adopting the above-noted recommendation does not result in any financial impact; however, if Community Council decides to approve installing traffic calming devices on Kennedy Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated costs for installing two traffic calming islands on Kennedy Avenue will be $9,000.00. Funding for these islands is available in the Transportation Services 2017 Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 7, 2016, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY16.55 (Traffic Calming - Kennedy Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Evelyn Crescent). The Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria was not achieved, however, Etobicoke York Community Council recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Kennedy Avenue to determine community support for a traffic calming plan. As directed, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on October 12, 2016. The survey is designed to measure community support for the traffic calming islands on Kennedy Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Evelyn Crescent. The results are the basis of this report. Map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Kennedy Avenue between Glenwood Avenue and Evelyn Crescent is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. It is located in a residential community north of Bloor Street West and east of Runnymede Road. The roadway is built to urban standards (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the road. The speed limit on Kennedy Avenue is 30 km/h.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy stipulates that a minimum of 50% plus one of the affected households/properties respond, and that 60% of valid responses support the proposal in order to implement the plan.

The following table describes the survey results:

Kennedy Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	30 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	16 (50% + 1)
Valid Ballots Returned	26 (87%)
Respondents in Favour	15 (58% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	10 (38% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	1 (4% of respondents)

Transportation Services staff is unable to recommend traffic calming as the 60% of the "In Favour" required responses were not achieved.

Twenty-six replies were received which represent 87% of the households polled and only 58% support the installation of speed humps on Kennedy Avenue.

Should Community Council decide to proceed with installing speed humps, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a draft by-law for installing two traffic calming islands on Kennedy Avenue, as shown on Drawing EY 16 - 134 dated August 2016.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of traffic calming proposals do not negatively affect their operations. Although we generally advise emergency services of our intentions, we do not always receive a formal response.

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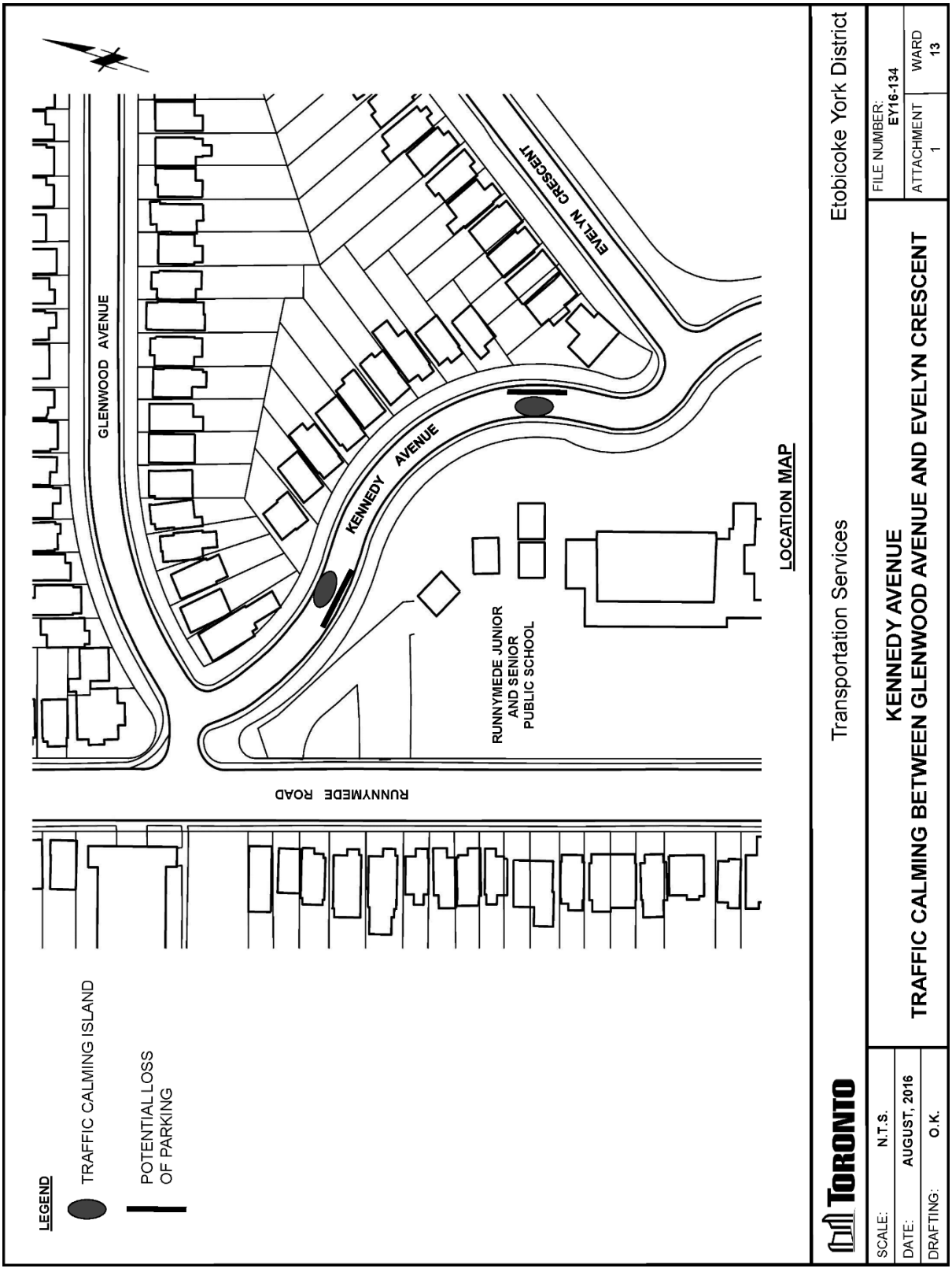
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (Kennedy Avenue)



Area Map: Kennedy Avenue