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REPORT FOR ACTION

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Ourland Avenue

Date: May 10, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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 November 10, 2015, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY10.28, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Ourland Avenue to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan (traffic islands). This report summarizes the result of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Ourland Avenue. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on April 18, 2016, and 35% of the residents on Ourland Avenue responded to the polling. The minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 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 approve installing traffic calming islands on Ourland 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 Ourland Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated cost for installing six traffic islands on Ourland Avenue will be $30,000.00. Funding for these traffic islands is available in the Transportation Services 2017 Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 10, 2015, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY10.28 (Traffic Calming Islands - Ourland Avenue). The Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria was achieved and Etobicoke York Community Council recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Ourland Avenue to determine community support for a proposed 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 April 18, 2016. The survey is designed to measure community support for the traffic islands on Ourland Avenue. A map of the area and the proposed traffic calming measures (traffic islands) is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Ourland Avenue is a two-lane 8.5 metres wide road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. This street is located in the residential community east of Islington Avenue and south of Evans Avenue. Ourland Avenue has an urban cross-section (including curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the street. Ourland Park and High Park Centennial Montessori School are located on the west and east sides of the road, respectively, at the intersection of Simpson Avenue. The speed limit on Ourland Avenue from Judson Street to Hay Avenue is 40 km/h, and 50 km/h from Hay Avenue to Evans Avenue.

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:

Ourland Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	51 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	27 (50% + 1)
Valid Ballots Returned	18 (35%)
Respondents in Favour	16 (89% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	2 (11% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	0 (0% of respondents)

Transportation Services staff is unable to recommend traffic calming as the minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

Should Community Council decide to proceed with installing traffic islands, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter sections of the road on Ourland Avenue, between Evans Avenue and Judson Street, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the attached Drawing EY15-111, dated October 2015.

2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Ourland Avenue, between Evans Avenue and Judson Street, when the traffic islands are installed.

3. Parking be prohibited as per Appendix A

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. Toronto Paramedic Service has reviewed this proposal and have no objections to the installation of the traffic calming islands. At the time of this report, comments have not yet been received from Toronto Police Services and Toronto Fire Services.

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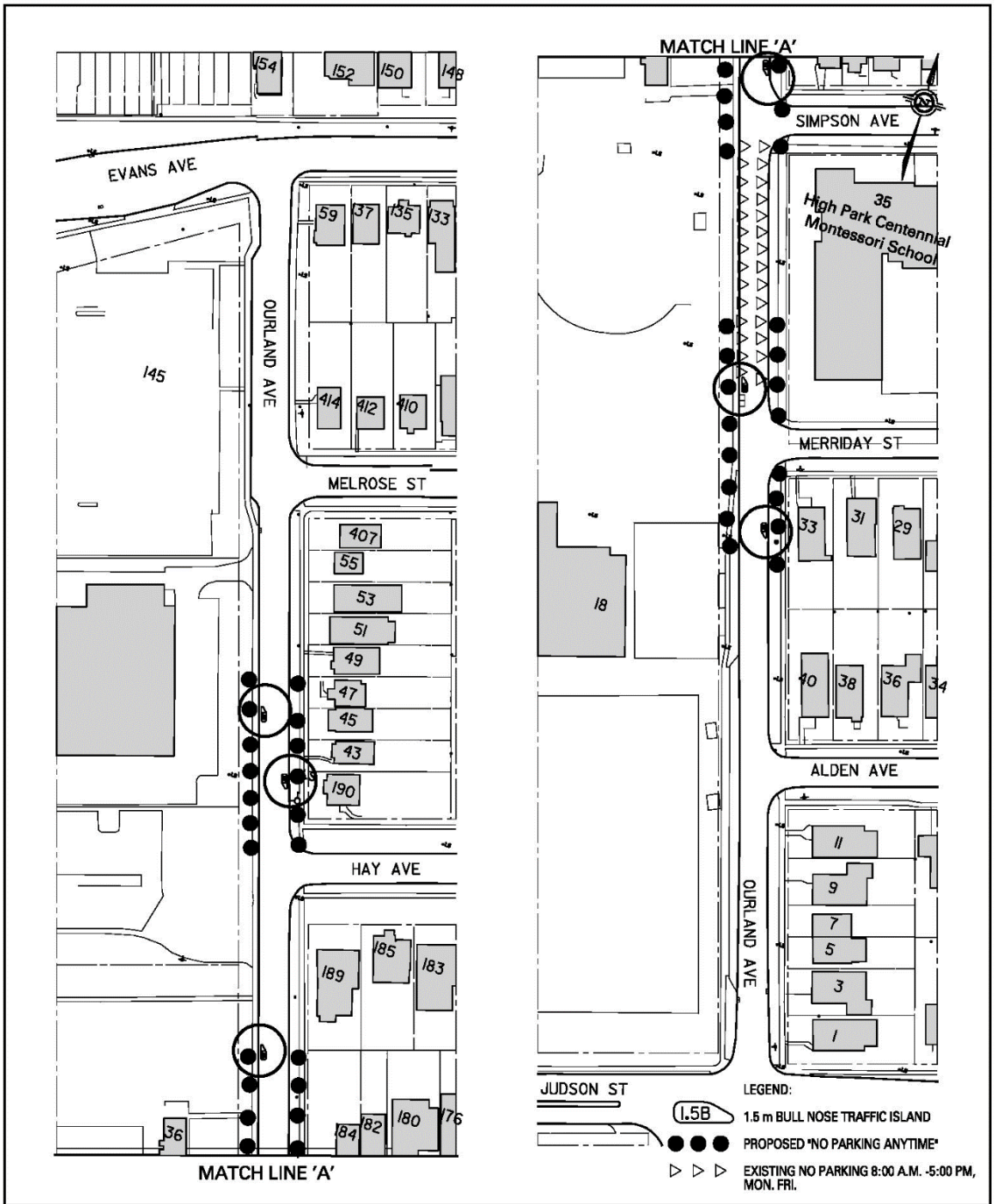
ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Ourland Avenue)
2. Appendix “A”: Proposed Parking Regulations - Ourland Avenue

1. Location Plan (Ourland Avenue)



2. Appendix “A”: Proposed Parking Regulations - Ourland Avenue

Proposed Parking Regulations – Ourland Avenue

The proposed parking regulations on Ourland Avenue, between Evans Avenue and Judson Street, are as follows:

(i) parking be prohibited at all times on both sides of Ourland Avenue, between the north curb line of Hay Avenue and a point 44 metres further north;

(ii) parking be prohibited at all times on both sides of Ourland Avenue, between the south curb line of Simpson Avenue and a point 44 metres further north; and,

(iii) parking be prohibited at all times on both sides of Ourland Avenue, between a point 25 metres south of the south curb line of Merrirady Street and a point 22 metres north of the north curb line of Merriday Street.