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REPORT FOR ACTION

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Lonborough Avenue

Date: July 13, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 12 – York South-Weston

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 April 4, 2017, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY21.37, recommending that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Lonborough 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 Lonborough Avenue. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents and only 46% of the residents on Lonborough Avenue responded to the polling, and out of those residents 69% supported the installation of speed humps. 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 approved installing traffic calming on Lonborough 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 Lonborough Avenue, the following financial impact will result:

1. The estimated costs for installing four speed humps on Lonborough Avenue will be $12,800.00. Funding for these speed humps is available in the Transportation Services 2018 Capital Budget, subject to competing priorities and funding availability.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of April 4, 2017, Etobicoke York Community Council considered Item EY21.37 (Traffic Calming - Lonborough Avenue, between Keele Street and Carnarvon Street). The Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria was not achieved, however, Etobicoke York Community Council recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Lonborough 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 April 20, 2017. The survey is designed to measure community support for the speed humps on Lonborough Avenue, between Keele Street and Carnarvon Street. The results are the basis of this report. Map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Lonborough Avenue, between Keele Street and Carnarvon Street is a two-lane road classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. It is located in a residential community east of Keele Street and north of Eglinton Avenue West. The roadway is built to urban standards (curb and gutter) with sidewalks on both sides of the road. The speed limit on Lonborough Avenue is 50 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:

Lonborough Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	267 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	135 (50% + 1)
Valid Ballots Returned	124 (46%)
Respondents in Favour	86 (69% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	23 (19% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	15 (12% of respondents)

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 speed humps, we recommend that:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter sections of the road on Lonborough Avenue, between Keele Street and Carnarvon Street, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on the attached Drawing EY17-027, dated March 2017.

2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 30 km/h on Lonborough Avenue, between Keele Street and Carnarvon Street, when the speed humps are installed.

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 Paramedic Services provided comments in the attached letter dated July 18, 2017. Comments have not been received from Toronto Police Services or Toronto Fire Services. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles, and could result in increased response times in the event of an emergency.

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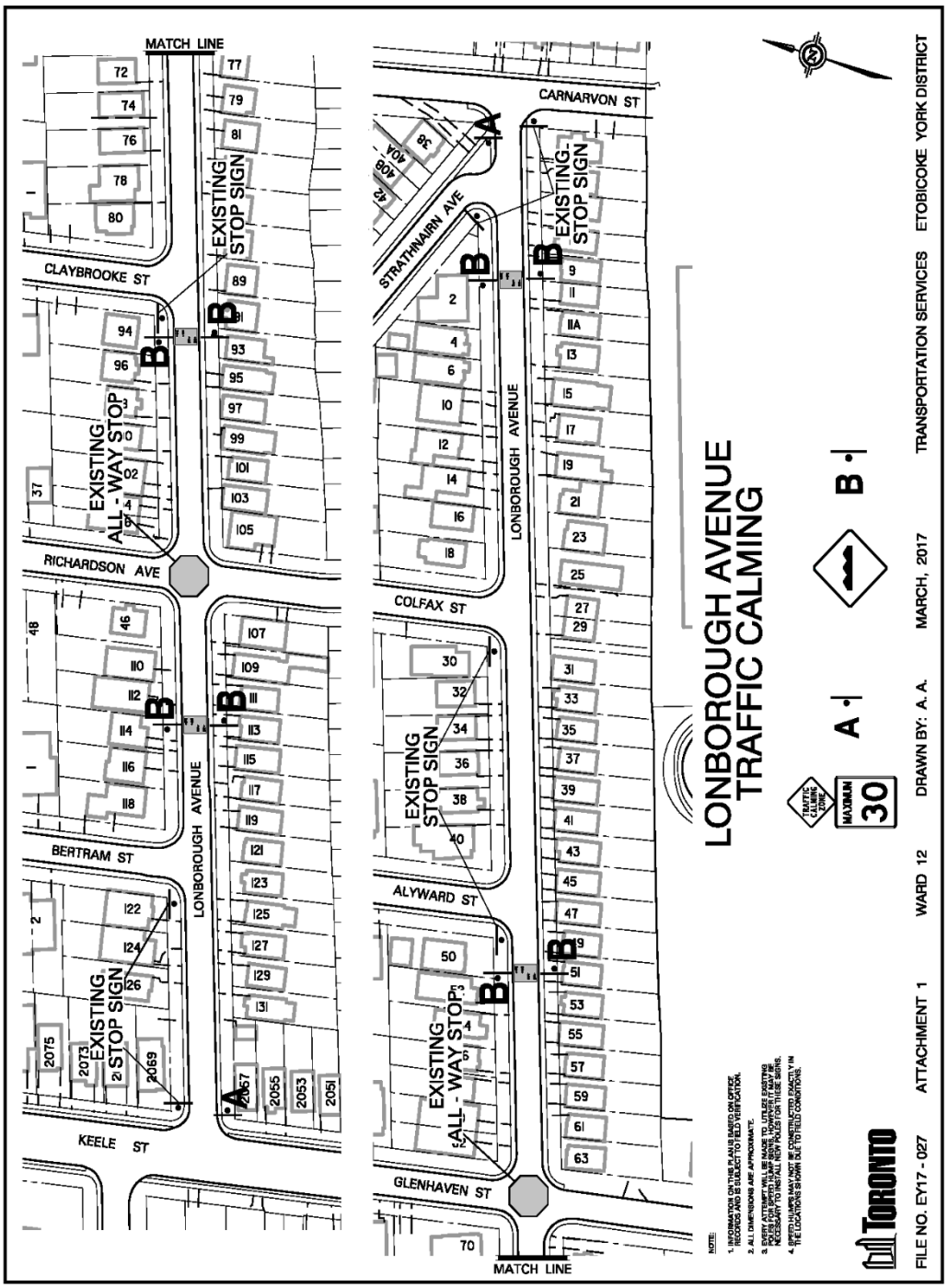
ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (Lonborough Avenue)
2. Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services dated July 18, 2017

Area Map (Lonborough Avenue)



Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services dated July 18, 2017

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Re: Traffic Calming Measures – on Lonborough Avenue between Keele St. and Carnarvon St. – Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming measures (i.e. Speed Humps).

Dear Ms. Sereda,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Lonborough Avenue between Keele St. and Carnarvon St. I have the following comments:

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighborhood and we endeavor to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.

As documented in the Traffic Calming Policy, Toronto Paramedic Services has concerns regarding the usage of traffic calming measures, specifically vertical obstacle measures such as speed humps. These have a negative impact on emergency call response times, travel times to hospital and on patient comfort during transport. This delay is cumulative with each obstacle and can directly impact patient outcome.

In addition to concern for patient outcome and safety it is noted that this proposal does not meet the Warrant Criteria as set out in the Policy. Therefore, Toronto Paramedic Services is opposed to the installation of traffic calming devices on Lonborough between Keele St. and Carnarvon St. It is important that the applicant fully understands the potential for delay in emergency response and that alternatives to vertical measures be considered and evaluated.

Yours truly,

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