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 Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw Avenue. The poll results indicated that a majority of responses were opposed to speed humps. Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw Avenue, is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council deny the installation of speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.
DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of January 17, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE21.54). The Council decision can be found at:


COMMENTS

Councillor Mary Fragedakis has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in April and May 2017, regarding the installation of speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw 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 Cruikshank Avenue are as follows:

Poll Results

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As shown in the above table, the poll results indicate that less than 60% of responses support speed humps. 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 to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Toronto Paramedic Services provided their comments in the attached letter dated November 10, 2016 (Appendix A) and Toronto Police Services provided their comments in the attached letter dated November 10, 2016 (Appendix B). Comments have not been received from the Toronto Fire Services.
Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Cruikshank 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, however, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw 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 Cruikshank Avenue, between Gough Avenue and Carlaw Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2332, dated December, 2016, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results - Cruikshank Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue is $6,400.00. The installation of speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue would be subject to available funds in Transportation Services 2018 Capital Funding and competing priorities.
Councillor Mary Fragedakis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2332, dated December 2016
November 10, 2016

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City of Toronto

Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Cruikshank Avenue, between Carlaw Avenue and Gough Avenue—Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming measures (i.e. Speed Humps).

Dear Mr. Dhadda,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Cruikshank Avenue, between Carlaw Avenue and Gough Avenue. 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 Cruikshank Avenue, between Carlaw Avenue and Gough Avenue. 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,

Dawn Ainsworth
Superintendent, Toronto Paramedic Services
Planning, Special Events & Emergency Management

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Hi Rayman:

The street is such a small street that I don't see a need for any traffic calming measures. The only tickets I have issued at this location over the years is for cars travelling southbound Carlaw and not stopping at the stop sign at Cruikshank. I have never issued a ticket for cars travelling on Cruikshank.

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