

Speed Hump Poll Results - Aldburn Road

Date: January 12, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto East York District
Wards: Ward 21, St. Paul's

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 Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road. The minimum response rate was achieved, however, the minimum 60 percent "in favour" required by the traffic calming policy in order to install speed humps on the subject section of Aldburn Road was not achieved.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road, 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 Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on October 17, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road, subject to a favourable poll of residents. The Council decision can be found at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE27.73>

COMMENTS

Councillor Joe Mihevc has requested that Transportation Services report on the results of the poll undertaken in November and December 2017 regarding the installation of speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road. 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 Aldburn Road are as follows:

Poll Results

No. of ballots mailed out	72	100%
No. of ballots received	53	74%
No. of ballots in favour	29	55%
No. of ballots opposed	23	43%
No. of ballots spoiled	1	2%

As shown in the above table, 55 percent (29 of 53) of the ballots received were in favour of the installation of speed humps on Aldburn Road. This support rate is less than the minimum 60 percent needed to confirm that there is a favourable consensus for the installation of speed humps, as required by the traffic calming 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 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 August 29, 2017 (Appendix A). Toronto Fire Services and the Toronto Police Service have not yet provided their comments.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Aldburn Road 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 been told specifically that 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, despite the findings above, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install three speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2685, dated September 2017 attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results - Aldburn Road" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Aldburn Road is \$12,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Aldburn Road would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2018 Capital Funding estimates and competing priorities.

Councillor Joe Mihevc has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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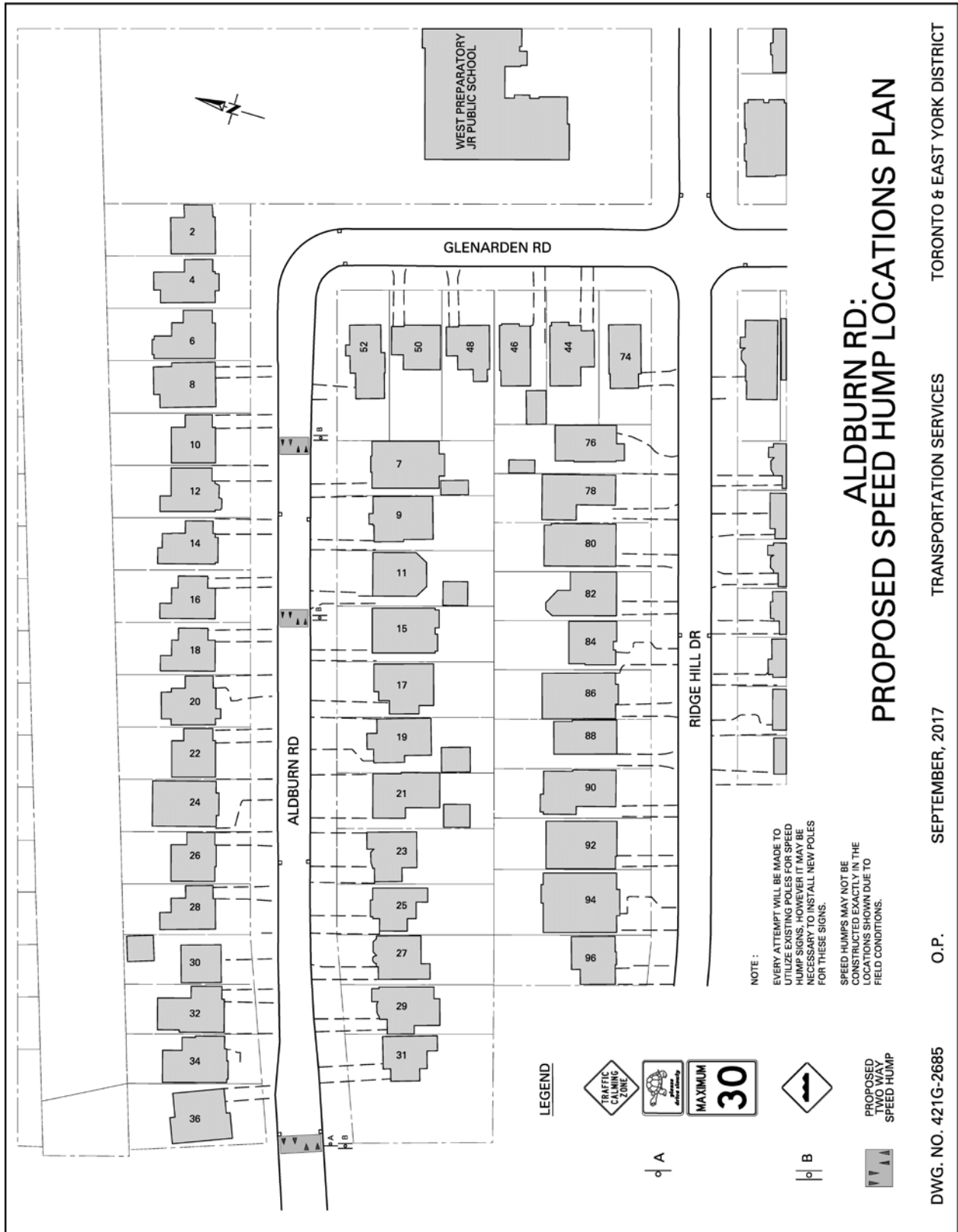
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2685, dated September 2017
2. Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated August 29, 2017

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August 29, 2017

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**Re: Traffic Calming Measures – on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road–
Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming measures (i.e. Speed Humps).**

Dear Mr. Holditch,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road. 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 Aldburn Road, between Fairleigh Crescent and Glenarden Road. 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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