

## **Speed Hump Poll Results - Shirley Street**

**Date:** January 12, 2018  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District  
**Wards:** Ward 18, Davenport

### **SUMMARY**

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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.

At the request of Councillor Ana Bailão, Transportation Services is reporting the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue. The poll results indicated that the support for the installation of speed humps is less than the 60% of poll respondents required by the traffic calming policy and needed to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install traffic calming measures. Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue, is not recommended.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council deny the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Adopting the above-noted recommendation carries no financial impact.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting of September 6, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents (Item TE26.105).

## COMMENTS

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Councillor Ana Bailão has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in November and December 2017, regarding the installation of speed humps on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock 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 Shirley Street are as follows:

### Poll Results

No. of ballots mailed out	89	
No of ballots returned due to invalid address	11	
No of ballots received by voters	78	100%
No. of ballots received	40	51%
No. of ballots in favour	17	42%
No. of ballots opposed	12	30%
No. of ballots spoiled	11	28%

As shown in the above table, 40 of the 78 ballots received by voters were returned. The response number is 40, which is equal to the minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate required to consider the poll valid in accordance with the current polling policy. However, the poll results indicate that less than 60% of responses were in favour of the 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 in order to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Toronto Paramedic Services had provided their comments in the attached letter dated January 31, 2017 (Appendix A). Comments have not received from Toronto Police Service and Toronto Fire Services.

### **Notification of Residents**

Under the polling policy, residents of Shirley Street 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, however, Toronto and East York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue, the following alternate recommendation should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install three-speed humps on Shirley Street, between St. Clarens Avenue and Brock Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2601, dated August 2017 attached to the report dated January 12, 2018, entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results – Shirley Street" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps would be \$12,000.00. The installation of the speed humps on Shirley Street would be a subject to availability of Transportation Services 2018 Capital Funding and competing priorities.

Councillor Ana Bailão has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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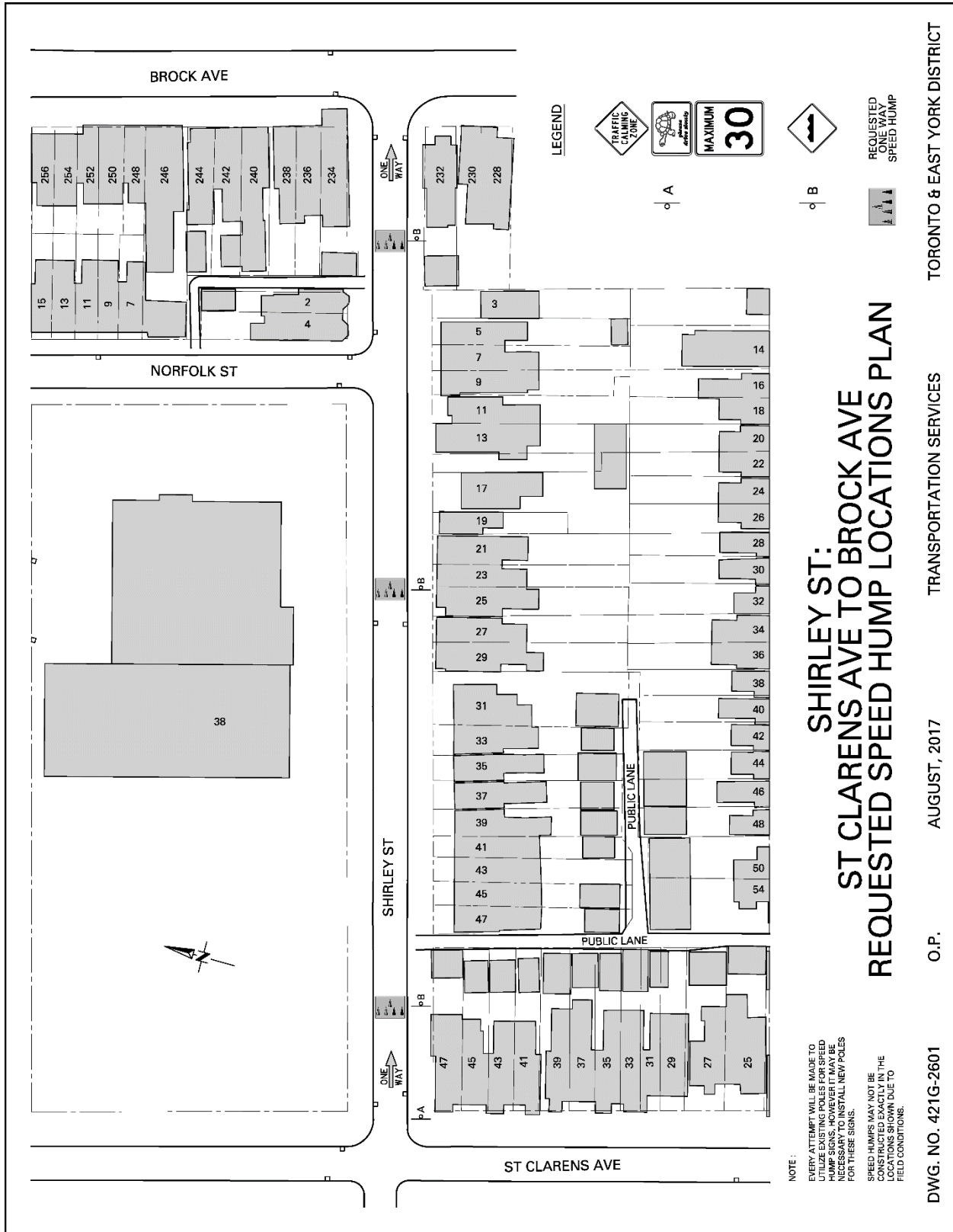
Dave Twaddle, C.E.T.  
Acting Director, Transportation Services  
Toronto and East York District

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2601, dated August 2017
2. Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated January 31, 2017

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**Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Shirley Street between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens Avenue**

**Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming devices (i.e. Speed Humps)**

Dear Mr. Khatoon,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of traffic calming devices (speed humps) on Shirley Street between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens Avenue.

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens 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 that 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 Traffic Calming Policy. Therefore, Toronto Paramedic Services is opposed to the installation of traffic calming devices on Shirley Street between Brock Avenue and St. Clarens 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,



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