

## **Speed Hump Poll Results - Parkman Avenue**

**Date:** January 12, 2018  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto 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.

Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue. The poll provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot required by the traffic calming policy needed to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install speed humps on the subject section of Parkman Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth 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 speed humps on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting on October 17, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council recommended the installation of speed humps on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue, subject to a favourable poll of residents. The Council decision can be found at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE27.72>

## COMMENTS

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Councillor Ana Bailão has requested that Transportation Services report on the results of the poll undertaken in December 2017 regarding the installation of speed humps on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth 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 Parkman Avenue are as follows:

### Poll Results

No. of ballots mailed out	42	100%
No. of ballots received	10	24%
No. of ballots in favour	9	90%
No. of ballots opposed	0	0%
No. of ballots spoiled	1	10%

As shown in the above table, 10 out of 42 ballots mailed out were returned. The response rate of 24 percent is less than the minimum 50 percent plus one ballot response rate required to consider the poll valid in accordance with the current polling 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 June 8, 2017 (Appendix A). Comments have not yet been received from Toronto Fire Services and the Toronto Police Service.

### **Notification of Residents**

Under the polling policy, residents of Parkman 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 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 Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on Parkman Avenue, between Franklin Avenue and Perth Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2645, dated August 2017 attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results - Parkman Avenue" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on Parkman Avenue is \$8,000.00. The installation of speed humps on Parkman Avenue would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2018 Capital Funding estimates and competing priorities.

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

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## **SIGNATURE**

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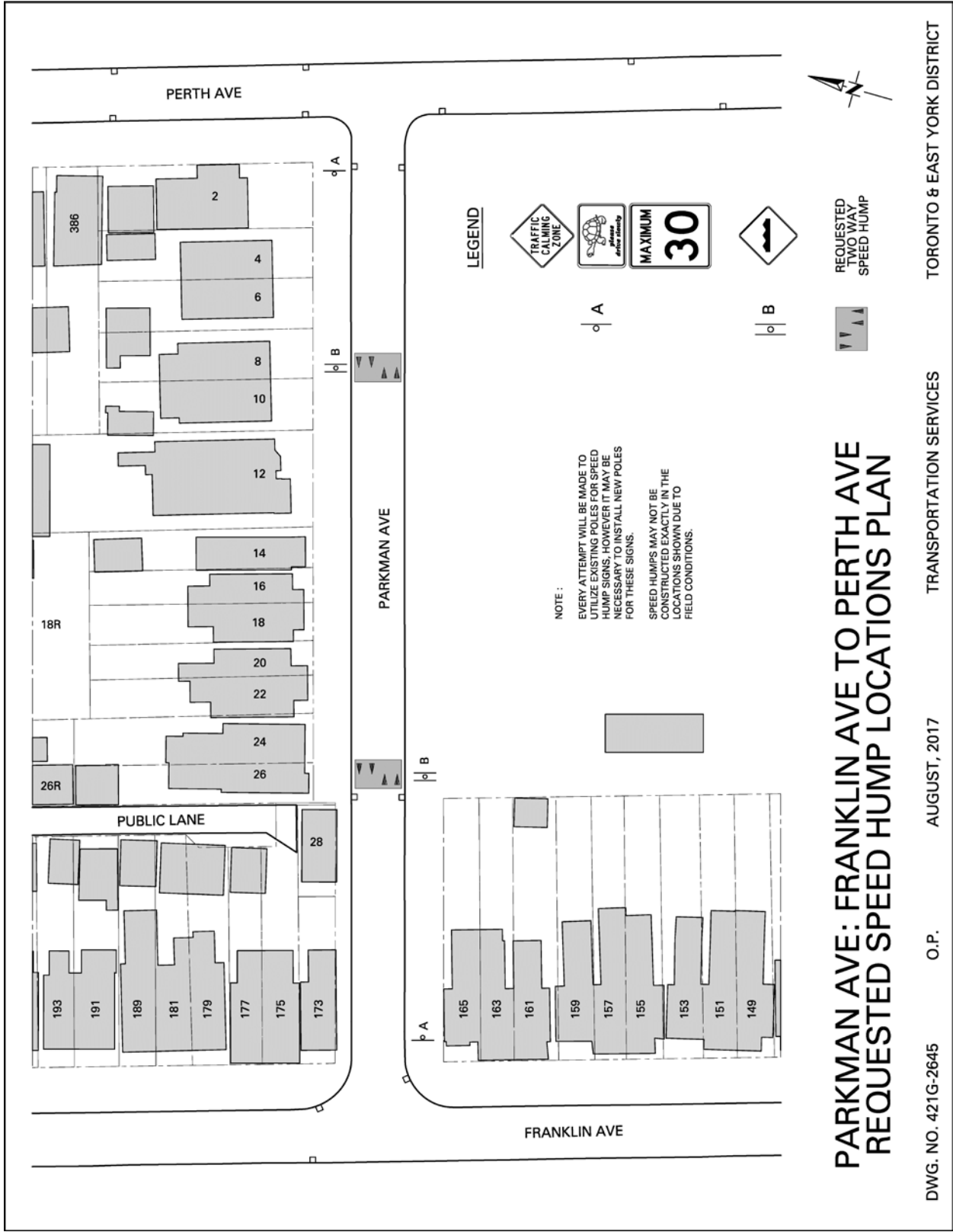
Dave Twaddle, C.E.T.  
Acting Director, Transportation Services  
Toronto and East York District

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2645, dated August 2017
2. Appendix A – Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated June 8, 2017

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Re: Traffic Calming Measures – on Parkman Avenue between Perth Avenue and Franklin Avenue –  
Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming measures (i.e. Speed Humps).

Dear Mr. Khatoon,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Parkman Avenue between  
Perth Avenue and Franklin 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 Parkman Avenue between Perth Avenue and Franklin 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