

## **Traffic Calming Poll Results – Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street**

**Date:** August 1, 2019  
**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 5 – York South-Weston

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report summarizes the result of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on May 16, 2019 and 36% of the residents on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street, responded to the polling. As a result, the minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council NOT authorize installing traffic calming (speed humps) on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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Adopting the above-noted recommendation will not result in any financial impact. However, should Community Council decide to authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Strathnairn Avenue, the estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Strathnairn Avenue will be \$20,000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities in the Transportation Services 2020 Capital Budget.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting of April 24, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item EY5.9 (Traffic Calming - Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street), and in so doing, recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street to determine community support for a proposed 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 May 16, 2019. The survey is designed to measure community support for the installation of speed humps on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street. The results are the basis of this report.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY5.9>

## COMMENTS

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Strathnairn Avenue, between Keele Street and Lonborough Avenue, is classified by the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "local" road. It operates two-way between Lonborough Avenue and Beechborough Avenue/Castlefield Avenue and converts to a one-way westbound operation between Beechborough Avenue/Castlefield Avenue and Keele Street. The pavement width is approximately 8.5 metres and the posted regulatory speed limit is 40 km/h. Parking is prohibited at all times on the west and south sides of Strathnairn Avenue. All-way stop control is in force at the intersections of Strathnairn Avenue and Glenhaven Street, Strathnairn Avenue and Richardson Avenue and Strathnairn Avenue and Beechborough Avenue/Castlefield Avenue. A map of the area is shown on Attachments 1 and 2.

The City's Traffic Calming Policy stipulates that a minimum of 50% plus one (25% in Community Safety Zones) 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:

#### Strathnairn Avenue

| Description   | Calculations/Data       |
|---|-------------------------|
| Total Ballots Mailed                                | 269 (100%)              |
| Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1) | 136 (50% + 1)           |
| Ballots Returned                                    | 98 (36%)                |
| Respondents in Favour                               | 75 (77% of respondents) |
| Respondents Opposed                                 | 13 (13% of respondents) |
| Ballots Spoiled                                     | 10 (10% of respondents) |

As the minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved, the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) is not recommended.

However, should Etobicoke York Community Council decide to proceed with installing speed humps on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street, the alternate recommendations would be as follows. It is recommend that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter sections of the roadway on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street for traffic calming enhancements, as generally shown on Drawing EY19-033A and EY19-033B dated March 2019.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Strathnairn Avenue, between Lonborough Avenue and Keele Street, when the speed humps are installed.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

Consultation with emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of traffic calming proposals do not negatively affect their operations. Emergency services were advised of this proposal. Toronto Fire Services responded and a copy of their response is attached for reference.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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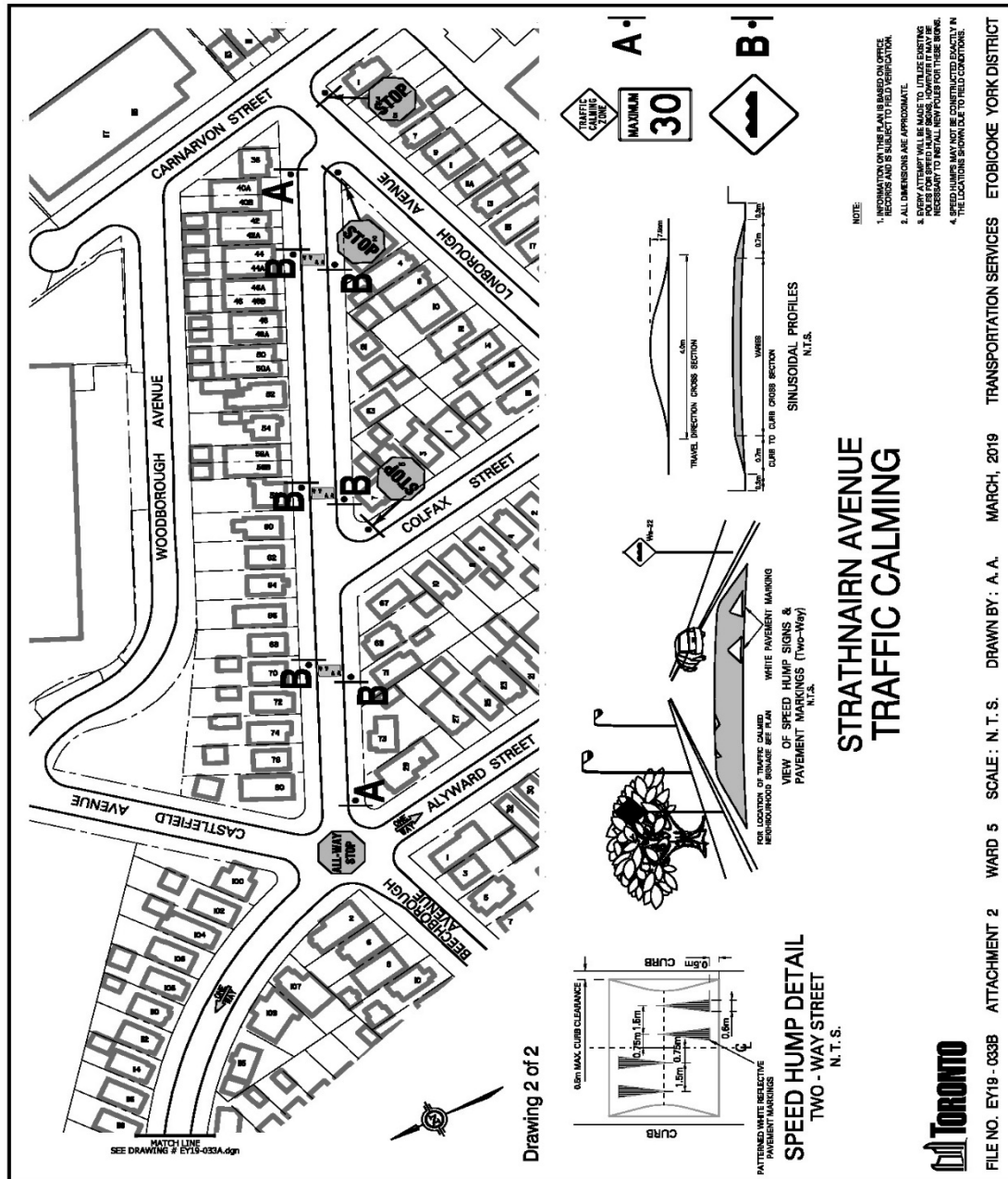
## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Area Map (Strathnairn Avenue, Keele Street to Glenhaven Street)
2. Area Map ( Strathnairn Avenue, Glenhaven Street to Lonborough Avenue)
3. Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated May 7, 2019



## 2. Area Map (Strathnairn Avenue)



### Attachment 3: Response From Toronto Fire Services



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**RE: Strathnairn Avenue, between Keele Street and Lonborough Avenue - Evaluation for installation of traffic calming devices.**

I am in receipt of the proposal for installation of traffic calming measures (speed humps) and provide the following comments.

Fire Services does not support this proposed speed hump installation as it may negatively impact our service delivery. The restriction imposed by a speed hump have a much greater impact on large fire vehicles. Response time increase with every obstacle fire vehicles encounters on route to any emergency incident and the cumulative impact of each speed hump can be a significant amount of time.

It is important that the all individuals directly affected by this installation be made fully aware of the potential negative effects of the calming device. Careful consideration must be given to accepting a delay to emergency response vehicles as a compromise to combat the risks presented by all vehicular traffic.

Fire Services recommends that non-physical measures (reduce speed limits or prohibited turns) be considered before physical measures are implemented. Desired results may be obtainable without imposing a physical obstruction to emergency vehicles.

Regards,

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