

Speed Hump Poll Results - Hoggs Hollow Neighbourhood

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Traffic Management

Wards: Ward 15 - Don Valley West

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which 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 polls undertaken on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, and on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent. The polls provided a response rate of less than the 50 percent plus one ballot required by the traffic calming policy in order to confirm that there is a favourable consensus in the community to install speed humps.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Donino Avenue and Brookfield Road is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Traffic Management recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Deny the installation of speed humps on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court.
2. Deny the installation of speed humps on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of July 4, 2018, North York Community Council adopted Item NY32.49 as amended and requested the City Clerk to conduct a poll of the eligible householders for the installation of speed humps on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, and on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent, in accordance with the City of Toronto's traffic calming policy. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.NY32.49>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was directed by North York Community Council to request the City Clerk to conduct a poll of the eligible householders and report back on the poll results for the installation of speed humps on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, and on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent. 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.

Table 1: Poll Results for Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court

No. of ballots mailed out	20	100%
No. of ballots returned Invalid address	0	0%
No. of ballots not returned	12	60%
No. of ballots received	8	40%
No. of ballots in favour	8	100%
No. of ballots opposed	0	0%
No. of spoiled ballots	0	0%

As shown in the above Table 1, eight of the 20 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 40 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.

Table 2: Poll Results for Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Pymbridge Crescent

No. of ballots mailed out	73	100%
No. of ballots returned Invalid address	0	0%
No. of ballots not returned	37	51%
No. of ballots received	36	49%
No. of ballots in favour	28	78%
No. of ballots opposed	5	14%
No. of spoiled ballots	3	8%

As shown in the above Table 2, 37 of the 73 ballots mailed out were returned. This response rate of 49 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 in order to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Comments have been requested from emergency services on the speed hump proposals on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, and on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent. Toronto Paramedic Services and Toronto Fire Services do not support the installation of speed humps on Donino Avenue and Brookfield Road. Comments have not yet been received from Toronto Police Services.

Notification of Residents

Under the polling policy, residents of Donino Avenue and Brookfield 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 specifically been told speed humps will not be installed and have been advised that North 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 North York Community Council wishes to proceed with installing speed humps on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, and on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent, the following alternate recommendation should be adopted:

1. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install one speed hump on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court, generally as shown on Drawing No. NYDD18-0061, dated June 2018, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results - Hoggs Hollow Neighbourhood" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Traffic Management.
2. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Donino Avenue, between Mill Street/Brookfield Road and Donino Court.
3. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent, generally as shown on Drawing No. NYDD18-0061, dated June 2018, attached to the report entitled "Speed Hump Poll Results - Hoggs Hollow Neighbourhood" from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Traffic Management.
4. Transportation Services take the necessary actions to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Brookfield Road, between Old Yonge Street/Donino Avenue and Plymbridge Crescent.

The estimated cost for installing one speed hump on Donino Avenue is \$4,000 and two speed humps on Brookfield Road is \$8,000. The installation of speed humps on Donino Avenue and Brookfield Road would be subject to availability in Transportation Services 2019 Capital Funding estimates and competing priorities.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Hoggs Hollow Community
Attachment 2: Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria: Donino Avenue
Attachment 3: Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria: Brookfield Road