

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

Date: April 2, 2019  
To: Toronto and East York Community Council  
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services  
Wards: Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

### **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 Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent. 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 Delisle Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent, is not recommended.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council not authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent.

### **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 May 2, 2017, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item TE24.65 and, in so doing, approved the installation of speed humps on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent, subject to a favourable poll of residents. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE24.65>

## COMMENTS

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Councillor Josh Matlow has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in June 2017, regarding the installation of speed humps on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent. 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 Delisle Avenue are as follows:

### Poll Results

|                           |       |      |
|---------------------------|-------|------|
| No. of ballots mailed out | 1,158 | 100% |
| No. of ballots received   | 519   | 45%  |
| No. of ballots in favour  | 303   | 58%  |
| No. of ballots opposed    | 161   | 31%  |
| No. of ballots spoiled    | 51    | 10%  |
| No. of ballots left blank | 4     | 1%   |

As shown in the above table, 519 out of 1,158 ballots mailed out were returned. The response rate of 45 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 (Toronto Police Services, Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Paramedic Services) is required to ensure that the design and layout of a traffic calming proposal does not unduly affect their operations. Comments have been requested but have not yet been received.

### **Notification of Residents**

Under the Polling Policy, residents of Delisle 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 Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent, the following alternate recommendations should be adopted:

"That the Toronto and East York Community Council direct that:

1. The installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent be authorized.
2. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install five speed humps on Delisle Avenue, between Yonge Street and Deer Park Crescent, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-2452, dated March 2017 attached to the report entitled 'Speed Hump Poll Results - Delisle Avenue' from the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services."

The estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Delisle Avenue is \$20,000. The installation of speed humps on Delisle Avenue would be tentatively subject to availability in Transportation Services 2020 Capital Funding estimates and competing priorities.

Councillor Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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## SIGNATURE

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## ATTACHMENTS

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2452, dated March 2017

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