

## **Speed Hump Poll Results - College View Avenue**

Date: November 1, 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 College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway. 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 College View Avenue.

Accordingly, continuing the process to install speed humps on College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway, is not recommended.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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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 College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting on January 15, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item TE2.61 and, in so doing, authorized the installation of speed humps on College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway, subject to a favourable poll of residents. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.TE2.61>

## COMMENTS

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Councillor Josh Matlow requested Transportation Services report on the results of the poll undertaken in March 2019, regarding the installation of speed humps on College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway. 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 College View Avenue are as follows:

<b>Ballot Distribution</b>	
Ballots Sent to Voters:	58
Ballots Returned Due to Invalid Address:	9
Ballots Received By Voters:	<b>49</b>

<b>Minimum Response Rate</b>		
Ballots Needed to Proceed:	26	(50% + 1 ballot)
Ballots Received by City Clerks:	13	27%
Minimum Response Rate Met	<b>No</b>	

<b>Results</b>		
Ballots In Favour:	8	62%
Ballots Opposed:	4	31%
Ballots Spoiled:	1	7%
Ballots Blank:	0	0%
'In Favour' replies needed to proceed:	N/A	(60%)
<b>Final Result</b>	<b>Response Rate Not Met</b>	

As shown above, 49 out of 58 ballots mailed out were returned. The response rate of 27 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. As a two-year moratorium date is imposed on further polling, the subject section of College View Avenue is eligible for re-polling on March 5, 2021.

### **Emergency Services Comments**

Consultation with emergency services (Toronto Police Service, 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. Toronto Fire Services have provided their comments in the attached letter dated January 8, 2019 (Appendix A). Comments have not been received from the Toronto Police Service or Toronto Paramedic Services.

### **Notification of Residents**

Under the Polling Policy, residents of College View 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 College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway, 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 College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway be authorized.
2. The City Solicitor prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install two speed humps on College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway, generally as shown on 'Drawing No. 421G-3215, dated December 2018' attached to the report entitled 'Speed Hump Poll Results - College View Avenue' from the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services."

The estimated cost for installing two speed humps on College View Avenue is \$8,000. The installation of speed humps on College View Avenue would be 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-3215, dated December 2018
2. Appendix A - Letter from Toronto Fire Services, dated January 8, 2019

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January 8, 2019

Dennis Gravador  
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Transportation Services

**RE: College View Avenue, between Avenue Road and Oriole Parkway - 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 impact our service delivery. The restriction imposed by a speed hump have a much greater impact on larger fire vehicles. Response travel time increase with every obstacle fire vehicles encounters on route to any emergency incident. Although the increase at each hump may only be seconds, the cumulative effect can be a significant amount of time.

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

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

Regards,

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Toronto Fire Services