

Traffic Calming Poll Results – John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street

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

SUMMARY

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 John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on October 31, 2019 and 55% of the residents on John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street responded to the polling and of those 59% were in favour of the installation of speed humps. As a result, the 60% of valid responses supporting the proposal needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Etobicoke York Community Council NOT authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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 John Street, the estimated cost for installing three speed humps will be \$12,000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities in the Transportation Services 2020 interim Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 16, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item EY8.37 (Poll for Traffic Calming - John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street) and, in so doing, recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants be conducted on John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan. As requested, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on October 31, 2019. The survey is designed to measure community support for the installation of speed humps on John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY8.37>

COMMENTS

John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street, is classified under the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "local" road. It operates two-way with a pavement width of approximately 6.5 metres and has a posted regulatory speed limit of 30 km/h. Parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of John Street. All-way stop control is in force at the intersections of John Street and Elm Street and John Street and Pine Street. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

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. John Street is not a designated Community Safety Zone.

The following table describes the survey results:

John Street

| Description | Calculations/Data |
|---|-------------------------|
| Total Ballots Mailed | 181 (100%) |
| Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1) | 92 (50% + 1) |
| Ballots Returned | 99 (55%) |
| Respondents in Favour | 58 (59% of respondents) |
| Respondents Opposed | 35 (35% of respondents) |
| Ballots Spoiled | 6 (6% of respondents) |

As the 60% of valid responses supporting the proposal 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 John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street, the alternate recommendations would be as follows;

It is recommend that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on John St, between Pine Street and Elm Street, despite poll results that did not satisfy the polling criteria for the installation of speed humps pursuant to the City's Traffic Calming Policy.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter sections of the roadway on John Street, between Pine Street and Elm Street for traffic calming enhancements, as generally shown on Drawing EY19-077 dated September 2019.

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, however we have not received a formal response at the time of writing this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map (John Street, Elm Street to Pine Street, Traffic Calming)

Attachment 1: Area Map (John Street, between Pine St and Elm St)

