

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive

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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 Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on November 12, 2019 and 46% of the residents on Arrowsmith Avenue responded. As a result, the minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes 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 Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive.

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 Arrowsmith Avenue, 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 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of September 16, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item EY8.24 (Traffic Calming - Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive) and, in so doing, recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants on Arrowsmith Avenue be conducted 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 November 12, 2019. The survey was designed to measure community support for the installation of speed humps on Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY8.24>

COMMENTS

Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive is classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "local" road. This street functions with two-way traffic, has a sidewalk on the south side of the road and has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. 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. Arrowsmith Avenue is not a designated community safety zone.

The following table describes the survey results:

Table 1: Poll Results - Arrowsmith Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	131 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	67 (50% + 1)
Ballots Returned	60 (46%)
Respondents in Favour	46 (77% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	6 (10% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	8 (13% 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 Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive, the alternate recommendations would be as follows;

It is recommended that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive, 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 to install 3 speed humps on Arrowsmith Avenue, between Keele Street and Amesbury Drive generally as shown on Drawing EY18-065 dated June 2018.

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 (Traffic Calming - Arrowsmith Avenue)

