

Traffic Calming Poll Results – Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue

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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 results of the traffic calming poll for owners and occupants of Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue. Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents on December 2, 2019 and 40% of the residents on Lester 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 Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue.

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 Lester Avenue, the estimated cost for installing one speed hump will be \$4,000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities in the Transportation Services 2020 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of November 5, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item EY10.7 (Traffic Calming - Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Glenhaven Street) and, in so doing, recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants on Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson 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 December 2, 2019. The survey was designed to measure community support for the installation of speed humps on Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY10.7>

COMMENTS

Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Glenhaven Street is classified in the City's Road Classification System as a "local" road. This street functions with two-way traffic, has a sidewalk on both sides of the road and has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. As the road grade on Lester Avenue, between Richardson Avenue and Glenhaven Street exceeds the 8% maximum allowance under the Traffic Calming Policy, the polling or installation process will apply to Lester Avenue between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue only. 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. Lester Avenue is not a designated community safety zone.

The following table describes the survey results:

Table 1: Poll Results - Lester Avenue

Description	Calculations/Data
Total Ballots Mailed	63 (100%)
Ballots Required to Proceed (min. required 50% + 1)	33 (50% + 1)
Ballots Returned	25 (40%)
Respondents in Favour	24 (96% of respondents)
Respondents Opposed	0 (0% of respondents)
Ballots Spoiled	1 (4% 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 Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue, 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 Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue, 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 one speed hump on Lester Avenue, between Keele Street and Richardson Avenue generally as shown on Drawing EY18-064 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 - Lester Avenue)

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