

Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Spruce Street

Date: September 8, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

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 staff have reviewed the need for the installation of additional speed humps on Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, to address residents' concerns regarding vehicle speeds. Our assessment indicates it is feasible to install two additional speed humps on this section of Spruce Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the Acting Director of Traffic Management, Transportation Services to request the City Clerk to poll eligible householders on Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, to determine whether residents support the installation of traffic calming, in accordance with the City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council, subject to favourable results of the poll:
 - (a) authorize the installation of speed humps on Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, and
 - (b) direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway on Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, for the installation of two speed humps, generally as shown on the copy of Drawing No. 421G-3763, dated July 2020, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Spruce Street" from the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services".

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing two additional speed humps on the subject section of Spruce Street is \$8,000. Installation would be subject to availability in Transportation Services' 2021 Capital Funding and competing priorities.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meetings held on April 16, 1998 and July 29, 30 and 31, 1998, approved Toronto Community Council Report 3, Clause 96 (nn), and Report 10, Clause 4, respectively to authorize the installation of traffic calming/speed humps on Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and River Street. By-law 592-1998 was enacted by Council on July 31, 1998 in connection with this matter.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, on behalf of local residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing additional speed humps on the west portion of Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street.

Spruce Street, between Parliament Street and Sackville Street, is a two-way local roadway with traffic calming measures, specifically one speed hump and curb extensions. The length of this section of Spruce Street is approximately 240 metres, and the existing speed hump is located approximately 66 metres west of Sackville Street.

Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of this section of Spruce Street, the pavement width is about 10 metres, and the regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h. Permit parking operates on both sides of the road. There is no TTC service provided on Spruce Street.

The proposed two additional speed humps will address the residents' concerns regarding excessive vehicle speeds on Spruce Street.

No alterations to parking regulations are required, nor would the number of parking spaces be affected by the installation of speed humps. Installation of speed humps will have minimal effect on winter services, street cleaning and garbage collection.

However, speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency vehicles, and could result in increased response times in the event of an emergency.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3763, dated July 2020

