

Traffic Calming - Rosewell Avenue

Date: December 11, 2020
To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton Lawrence

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending the installation of speed humps on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed subject to positive results of the traffic calming poll.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. North York Community Council request the City Clerk to poll eligible householders on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue, to determine whether residents support the installation of traffic calming (speed humps), in accordance with the City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy.
2. Subject to favourable results of the poll:
 - a. North York Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue; and
 - b. North York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of four speed humps on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue, generally as shown on Attachment 2, dated November 2020, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming - Rosewell Avenue" from the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing four speed humps on Rosewell Avenue is \$16,000. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2021 Interim Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a petition from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing physical traffic calming (speed humps) on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Rosewell Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Rosewell Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north/south collector roadway
- It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 10.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 5,500 vehicles
- The regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h
- There is no TTC service on Rosewell Avenue
- There is a sidewalk on the east side of the street
- A community safety zone is designated on Rosewell Avenue
- There are midrise residential condominiums on the east side of the street and Havergal College Junior School on the west side.

A map of the area and proposed locations of the speed humps is included in Attachment 2.

Study Results

In order for speed humps to be recommended on a street, the criteria as set out in the City of Toronto's Traffic Calming Policy must be satisfied. The warrant criteria includes factors such as vehicle speed and volume, road widths, pedestrian facilities and gradient. Details of the warrant criteria are included in Attachment 1.

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, a vehicle speed and volume study was conducted on Rosewell Avenue from December 17 to 19, 2019. Based on the study results, Rosewell Avenue has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum vehicle speed and volume. The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was measured to be 44 km/h for northbound traffic and 45 km/h for southbound traffic. This is more than the required minimum 10 km/h over

the warranted speed of 30 km/h. The 24 hour total vehicle volume is 5,502 vehicles which is above the required minimum of 2,500 vehicles per day for collector roads.

The overall investigation concluded that the warrant criteria as outlined in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Rosewell Avenue.

Polling Requirement

The City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy requires that the City Clerk (Polling Registry Services) formally poll property owners/occupants who are directly affected by the installation of traffic calming measures. Under the policy, the poll will be considered in favour of traffic calming if it satisfies the following requirements:

- A response rate of 50 percent plus one
- A response rate of 25 percent if the subject street is within a Community Safety Zone or a School Speed Zone
- A support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid responses

As Rosewell Avenue in the area of Havergal College Junior School is designated as a Community Safety Zone, the minimum response rate required is 25 percent.

Subject to approval by Community Council of the recommendations in this report, the City Clerk will poll property owners/occupants. Should the results support installing traffic calming measures on Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue, Transportation Services staff will schedule installation based on relative need and competing priorities.

Relative Priority and Other Impacts

Relative need and priority of speed humps installation is based on a technical assessment of traffic volume, vehicle speed percentages, speed-related collisions, and the presence of schools, parks, seniors' residences and bicycle routes. Rosewell Avenue, between Lawrence Avenue West and Cheritan Avenue, scored 50 ranking points out of a possible 100.

No alterations to parking regulations will be required, nor will 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.

Consultation with emergency services (Toronto Police Services, 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. Emergency services were advised of this proposal. Comments have not been received back at the time of writing this report from Toronto Police Service, Toronto Paramedic Services or Toronto Fire Services. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Rosewell Avenue
Attachment 2: Map - Rosewell Avenue: Lawrence Avenue West - Cheritan Avenue -
Proposed Speed Hump Locations Plan

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Rosewell Avenue

Warrant Criteria	Requirement	Warrant Satisfied?
Petition	Petition signed by at least 25% of the households on the street and/or 10% multiple family rental dwellings OR A direct request from the Ward Councillor	Yes
Impacts to Adjacent Streets	No significant traffic impacts on adjacent streets	Yes
Sidewalks	Are there continuous sidewalks on at least one side of street (both sides for collector or higher classification) OR On streets where no sidewalks exist, installation of sidewalks on at least one side must first be considered	Yes
Road Grade	Road grade 5% or less OR between 5% and 8% road grade may be considered. Investigation must determine installation to be safe.	Yes
Emergency Response	Emergency Services have noted that the impact of traffic calming, specifically speed humps, will not significantly affect service delivery	N/A
Minimum Speed	The 85th percentile speed must be a minimum of 10 km/h over the warranted speed limit and the traffic volume warrant must be satisfied OR On streets where the 85th percentile speed exceeds the warranted speed limit by a minimum of 15 km/h, there is no minimum traffic volume required	Yes (44 km/h)
Traffic Volumes	Local road traffic volume must be between 1,000 and 8,000 vehicles per day OR Collector road traffic volume must be between 2,500 and 8,000 vehicles per day	Yes (5,502 vpd)
Minimum Block Length	On streets where mid-block traffic calming measures are proposed, the minimum block length must exceed 120 metres	Yes
Transit Service	Impacts on regularly scheduled Toronto Transit Service vehicles will not be significant (as determined in consultation with TTC staff)	Yes

Attachment 2: Map - Rosewell Avenue: Lawrence Avenue West - Cheritan Avenue - Proposed Speed Hump Locations Plan

