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Toronto and East York Community Council 100 Queen Street W Toronto, ON M5H 2N2



## **RE: Traffic Calming – Rains Avenue**

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing to you to request Community Council's support for a motion that is important to the constituents of the Toronto-St. Paul's ward, but one that could not be brought forward by staff in a timely fashion due to the impacts of the pandemic on staffing levels.

The residents of Rains Avenue approached my office with a petition requesting a number of traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements in the neighbourhood. One of those requests was for speed humps on Rains Avenue, between Davenport Road and Melita Avenue. We have received the findings of the study conducted by Traffic Operations, which indicated that the street did not meet the minimum warrants in order to be approved for speed humps. As staff have not provided any other options that could address the community's concern over speeding at this location, I would like to give the community the opportunity to voice their interest in having speed humps through an official City poll. Speed humps tend to be one of the more effective and meaningful ways that we can help address these concerns over speeding, so I hope you will support my request in order to help my constituents.

Traffic Operations staff have also been consulted on this and have provided assistance with the wording of the motion and needed designs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council:

- Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to request the City Clerk to poll eligible householders on Rains Avenue, between Davenport Road and Melita Avenue, to determine whether residents support the installation of traffic calming, in accordance with the City of Toronto Traffic Calming Policy.
- 2. Subject to favourable results of the poll:
  - Authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Rains
    Avenue, between Davenport Road and Melita Avenue; and
  - b. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter sections of the roadway on Rains Avenue, between Davenport Road and Melita Avenue, to install two speed humps, generally as shown on the attached copy of Drawing No. 421G-3820, dated January 2021.

Sincerely,

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