

Traffic Calming Poll Results - Pineway Boulevard

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To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

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 reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection). Polling ballots were mailed to the affected residents to determine the level of support in the community for the proposed installation of speed humps. The poll did not meet the minimum support rate. Therefore, staff do not recommend the installation of speed humps on Pineway Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. North York Community Council not authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

If North York Community Council amends the recommendation in this report and authorizes the installation of speed humps on Pineway Boulevard, the estimated cost of installing five speed humps is \$20,000. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2022 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on October 13, 2021, North York Community Council referred Item NY27.13 back to the General Manager, Transportation Services for further review and to bring a report to North York Community Council. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.NY27.14>

At its meeting of June 25, 2019 North York Community Council adopted Item NY7.19 as amended and directed that the speed limit on Pineway Boulevard be harmonized such that the speed limit is 40km/h from Cummer Avenue to Weatherstone Crescent. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY7.19>

At its meeting of February 14, 2019, North York Community Council adopted Item NY3.17 as amended and requested the City Clerk to conduct a poll of eligible householders for the installation of speed humps on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection), in accordance with the City of Toronto's Traffic Calming Policy. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY3.17>

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in April 2019, regarding the installation of speed humps on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection). The Traffic Calming Policy adopted by City Council requires that staff undertake a poll of eligible voters on streets being considered for traffic calming and consult with Emergency Services. 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 Safety Zone
- A support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid responses

As Pineway Boulevard is within a designated Community Safety Zone, a 25 percent response rate is required.

Poll Results

The City Clerk received back 126 out of the 214 ballots that were mailed out to valid addresses. This is a response rate of 57 percent and greater than the required minimum of 25%. Of the 126 ballots received back, Table 1 summarizes the level of support for speed humps.

Table 1: Poll Results - Support for Speed Humps on Pineway Boulevard

Response Type	Number of ballots	Percentage
In Favour	61	48%
Opposed	50	40%
Spoiled Ballot	15	12%

The poll is deemed to be a negative poll as only 48 percent of the valid responses are in favour of speed humps which is less than the required minimum of 60 percent.

Alternate Recommendations

If, despite the findings above, North York Community Council decides to proceed with installing speed humps on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection), it may approve the following:

"That the North York Community Council:

1. Authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection), 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. Direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway to install five speed humps on Pineway Boulevard, between Bernick Road and Weatherstone Crescent (north intersection), generally as shown on ATTACHMENT 1, dated January 2019 attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming Poll Results - Pineway Boulevard" from the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services."

Emergency Services Comments

Consultation with emergency services (Toronto Police Service, 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.

Toronto Paramedic Services has advised they have no concerns with the traffic calming proposal. Comments have not been received back at the time of writing this report from the Toronto Police Service or Toronto Fire Service. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles.

Notification of Residents

As per the Polling Policy, residents of Pineway Boulevard have been notified in writing by the City Clerk that the speed hump poll on this street did not satisfy the required criteria and that any follow-up poll cannot be conducted for a period of two years.

Residents have not been told specifically that speed humps will not be installed and have been advised that North York Community Council has the final decision on the matter. However, they might interpret the failure of the poll as the final decision on this matter.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Pineway Boulevard

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