

Traffic Calming Poll Results - Clouston Avenue

Date: February 8, 2023

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: 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.

Transportation Services is reporting on the results of the traffic calming poll undertaken on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road. 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 minimum response rate of 50% plus 1 votes needed to proceed with the installation was not achieved. Therefore, staff do not recommend the installation of speed humps on Clouston Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council not authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

If Etobicoke York Community Council amends the recommendation in this report and authorizes the installation of speed humps on Clouston Avenue, the estimated cost of installing four speed humps is \$16,000. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2023 Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 27, 2022, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted, as amended, Item EY32.14 "Traffic Calming - Clouston Avenue" and, in so doing, recommended that a survey of property owners/occupants on Clouston Avenue be conducted to determine community support for a proposed traffic calming plan on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road. As requested, the City Clerk, Elections and Registry Services Division conducted a survey that was mailed to property owners and occupants on September 7, 2022.

[Agenda Item History - 2022.EY32.14 \(toronto.ca\)](#)

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor has requested Transportation Services to report on the results of the poll undertaken in September 2022, regarding the installation of speed humps on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road. 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 Speed Zone
- A support rate of at least 60 percent of the valid responses

As Clouston Avenue is not within a designated Community Safety Zone nor a School Speed Zone, the 50 percent plus one response rate is required.

Poll Results

The City Clerk received back 53 out of the 155 ballots that were mailed out. This is a response rate of 34 percent and less than the required minimum of 50 percent plus one. Of the 53 ballots received back, Table 1 summarizes the level of support for speed humps.

Table 1: Poll Results - Support for Speed Humps on Clouston Avenue

Response Type	Number of ballots	Percentage
In Favour	41	77%
Opposed	8	15%
Spoiled Ballot	4	8%

The poll is deemed to be a negative poll as the response rate was 34 percent which is less than the required minimum of 50 percent plus one.

Alternate Recommendations

If, despite the findings above, Etobicoke York Community Council decides to proceed with installing speed humps on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road, it may approve the following:

"That the Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road, 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 four speed humps on Clouston Avenue, between Denison Road West and Weston Road, generally as shown on ATTACHMENT 1, dated April 2022 attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming Poll Results - Clouston Avenue" from the 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. 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.

Notification of Residents

As per the Polling Policy, residents of Clouston Avenue 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 Etobicoke 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 - Clouston Avenue

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