

Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Strathdee Drive

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 2, Etobicoke Centre

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 Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Strathdee Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of three (3) speed humps on Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive, generally as shown on Attachment 2, Drawing TC-233 dated February 2024, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Strathdee Drive" from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.
3. Subject to approval of Recommendations 1 and 2 above, Etobicoke York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30 km/h on Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive, in conjunction with the installation of speed humps.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Strathdee Drive is \$12,000.00. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services current Capital Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing speed humps on Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Strathdee Drive and additional traffic is now utilizing Strathdee Drive, since traffic calming measures were installed on Waterford Drive. The results of our most recent studies indicates the traffic volumes have increased on Strathdee Drive, since the installation of traffic calming on Waterford Drive.

Existing Conditions

Strathdee Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east/west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 2,500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There is a sidewalk located on the north side of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings. Silvercreek Park is located on the north side of the street with access to the tennis courts, community pool and a parking lot. This subject section of Strathdee Drive is not within designated Community Safety Zone.

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

Study Results

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, a vehicle speed and volume study was conducted on Strathdee Drive on Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

The study results on Strathdee Drive disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is 2,572 vehicles
- The block length from Wincott Drive to Waterford Drive is 400 metres
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 47 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 52 km/h

Based on the study results, Strathdee Drive has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed. The block length was greater than

120 metres and the operating speed is 17 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h and the 95th percentile is 22 km/h over the warranted speed of 30 km/h.

The overall investigation concluded that the eligibility and warrant criteria as outlined in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Strathdee Drive.

Relative Priority and Other Impacts

In the event that the number of approved requests for roadway traffic calming measures exceed the budget allocated for installation, funding for approved installations will be prioritized using a Prioritization Score. This score is made up of a Quantitative Score and a Qualitative Score.

The Quantitative Score is based on the results of the data collection, including travel speeds and traffic volumes to prioritize locations with higher vehicle speeds and volumes.

The Qualitative Score includes:

- Collision history to prioritize locations with a history of serious injury or fatal collisions and those involving a pedestrian or cyclist
- Equity to prioritize equity-deserving communities with a high-concentration of priority populations and those that are transportation disadvantaged
- Expected presence of vulnerable road users (elderly population, school children and pedestrians, including transit riders) to prioritize locations with a higher risk of fatal and serious injury collisions

The Quantitative and Qualitative Scores are averaged to provide the complete Prioritization Score. Strathdee Drive, between Wincott Drive and Waterford Drive, scored 16 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 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.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Strathdee Drive
Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Strathdee Drive

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Strathdee Drive

Criteria		Requirement	Warrant Satisfied?
Community Support		A direct request from the Ward Councillor OR identified by Transportation Services in consultation with the Ward Councillor	Yes
Eligibility Criteria	Road Classification	Classified as a local or collector roadway, according to the Toronto Road Classification System	Yes
	Sidewalks	Presence of a sidewalk on at least one side of a local roadway and both sides of a collector roadway is preferred but not required	Yes
	Traffic Volume	Maximum average daily traffic volume of less than 8,000 vehicles per day	Yes
	Road Grade	Maximum roadway grade of up to 5%, can be considered in locations where the road grade is between 5% and 8% with additional review	Yes
	Emergency Services	No significant impacts on emergency services, including Toronto Fire, Paramedic and Police Services	Yes
	Transit Services	No significant impacts to regularly scheduled Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services	Yes
Warrant Criteria	Minimum Block Length	Minimum block length of 120 metres based on the measured distance from centre to centre of controlled intersections AND	Yes (400 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (47 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	Yes (52 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Strathdee Drive

