

Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Milkwood Avenue

Date: August 29, 2025

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 1: Etobicoke 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 recommending the installation of speed humps on Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road. Staff's assessment indicates the criteria as set out in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Milkwood Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of five speed humps on Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road, generally as shown on Attachment 2, Drawing TC-542 dated July 2025, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Milkwood Avenue" from the Director, Enforcement and Streets Management, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing five speed humps on Milkwood Avenue is \$20,000. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services interim 2026 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 Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Milkwood Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Milkwood Avenue 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 2,400 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided on the street
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists of detached residential dwellings. This subject section of Milkwood Avenue is not within a designated community safety zone. Traffic Control Signals are located at the intersection of Martin Grove Road and Milkwood Avenue. West Humber Collegiate Institute is located on the east side of Martin Grove Road opposite Milkwood Avenue. Northbound left turns are prohibited at the intersection of Martin Grove Road and Milkwood Avenue between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.

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 Milkwood Avenue, between Stonecrop Lane and Turnvale Road for three consecutive days between Tuesday, October 29, 2024 and Thursday, October 31, 2024.

The study results on Milkwood Avenue disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume was recorded between 2,225 and 2443 vehicles.
- The block length between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road is about 350 metres.
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 49 km/h.

- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 54 km/h.

Based on the study results, Milkwood Avenue 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 19 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 Milkwood Avenue.

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 person cycling
- 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. Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road scored 70 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

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 responded on June 18, 2025, and have advised they are not opposed to the installation of speed humps. However, it may negatively impact their service delivery. A copy of their full response is included in Attachment 4. Comments have not been received back at the time of writing this report from Toronto Police

Service and 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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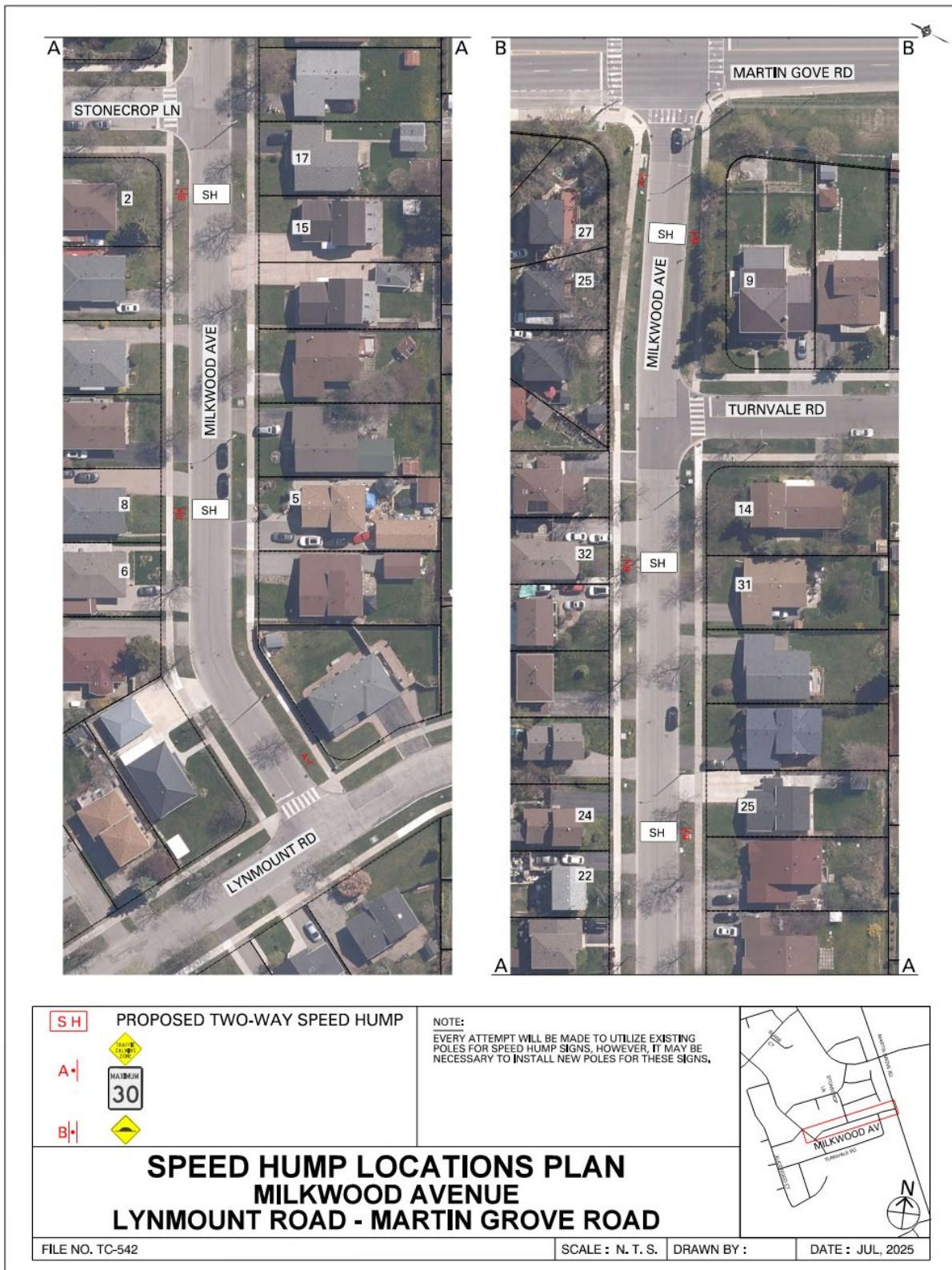
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Milkwood Avenue
Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Milkwood Avenue
Attachment 3: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated June 18, 2025

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Milkwood Avenue

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	T.B.D.
	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 (350 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (19 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	Yes (25 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Humps Locations Plan



Attachment 3: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated June 18, 2025

Tariq Khan (Transportation)

From: EMS Planning
Sent: June 18, 2025 3:00 PM
To: Tariq Khan (Transportation)
Cc: Atif Sharif; Jennifer Chung; EMS Planning
Subject: Milkwood Avenue Traffic Calming

We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road, with the following comments:

The installation of speed humps on Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road, will impact response and transport times for residents that reside on the roadway speed humps are installed. Impacts may extend to community members if Milkwood Avenue, between Martin Grove Road and Lynmont Road, serves access to other roadways. It is important that the applicant understands that the installation of traffic calming devices will reduce the speed that emergency vehicles travel when responding to emergencies on roadways where they are installed.

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighbourhood, and we endeavour to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.

