

Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Dale Avenue

Date: September 3, 2025

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

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 Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston 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 Dale Avenue.

During the investigation, Transportation Services discovered a discrepancy between the by-lawed regulations and the posted signage for the heavy vehicle prohibition on Dale Avenue. Recommendation 3 will rectify this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road.
2. Scarborough Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of nine speed humps on Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road, generally as shown on Attachments 3 and 4, Drawings TC-567 and TC-567-1, dated August 2025, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Dale Avenue" from the Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services.

3. Scarborough Community Council amend the existing heavy vehicle prohibition regulation in effect at all times on Dale Avenue, between Cromwell Road and Scarborough Golf Club Road, to be in effect between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for installing nine speed humps on Dale Avenue is \$36,000.00. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2025 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 Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Dale Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Dale Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane local roadway
- It runs north-south and east-west, with a curve located mid-block
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume varies from approximately 650 to 1,800 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street, between Kingston Road and Senator Boulevard; on the west and south sides only between Senator Boulevard and approximately 90 metres west of Senator Boulevard; and on the north side only between Saunders Road and Scarborough Golf Club Road
- There is an all-way stop sign-controlled intersection located at Cromwell Road

The land use consists of single-family and multi-family residential dwellings. This subject section of Dale Avenue is not within a designated Community Safety Zone.

Study Results

As part of the assessment of the warrant criteria, two vehicle speed and volume studies were conducted on Dale Avenue from May 14 to 16, 2024. The results of the studies were evaluated against the warrant criteria for Traffic Calming as adopted by the City Council. The study results on Dale Avenue are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Dale Avenue Speed and Volume Study Results

Road section	Daily Traffic Volume	85th percentile speed criteria		95th percentile speed criteria	
		Results	Warrant Requirement	Results	Warrant Requirement
Between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Cromwell Road	1,800	43 km/h	38 km/h	47 km/h	45 km/h
Between Cromwell Road and Kingston Road	650	38 km/h	38 km/h	42 km/h	45 km/h

Based on the study results, both sections of Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road, have satisfied the warrant criteria for the 85th percentile speeds. Additionally, all blocks are over the minimum 120 metre length requirement.

The overall investigation concluded that the eligibility and warrant criteria outlined in the Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, staff recommend the installation of speed humps on Dale 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 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. Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road, scored 30 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 and advised of potential delays in emergency responses but expressed support for initiatives that enhance community safety. A copy of their full response is included in Attachment 5. Toronto Police Service and Toronto Fire Services have not provided comments back at the time of writing this report. Installing speed humps will result in slower operating speeds for all vehicles, including emergency service vehicles.

Housekeeping Issues

Transportation Services also identified an inconsistency in the traffic by-law related to the existing heavy vehicle prohibition on Dale Avenue. The prohibition is currently signed from Scarborough Golf Club Road to Kingston Road; however, this does not align with the wording of the by-law. This inconsistency will be resolved through the approval of Recommendation 3 in this report.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Cromwell Road

Attachment 2: Traffic Calming Warrant - Dale Avenue, between Cromwell Road and Kingston Road

Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Dale Avenue - Scarborough Golf Club Road - Kingston Road (Matchline, see drawing TC-567-1)

Attachment 4: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Dale Avenue - Scarborough Golf Club Road - Kingston Road

Attachment 5: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, August 15, 2025

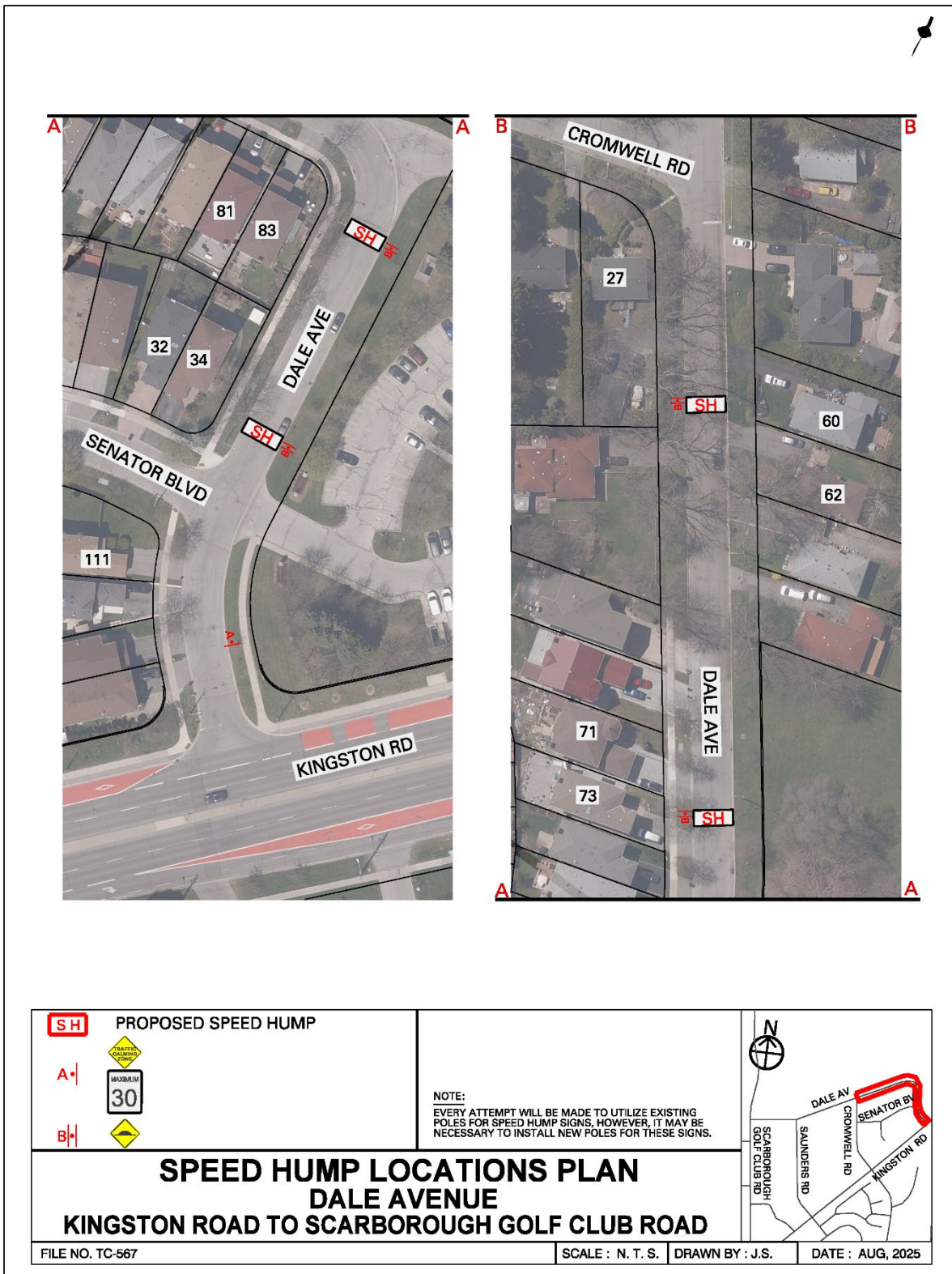
Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Cromwell Road

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	N/A
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 (13 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	Yes (17 km/h)

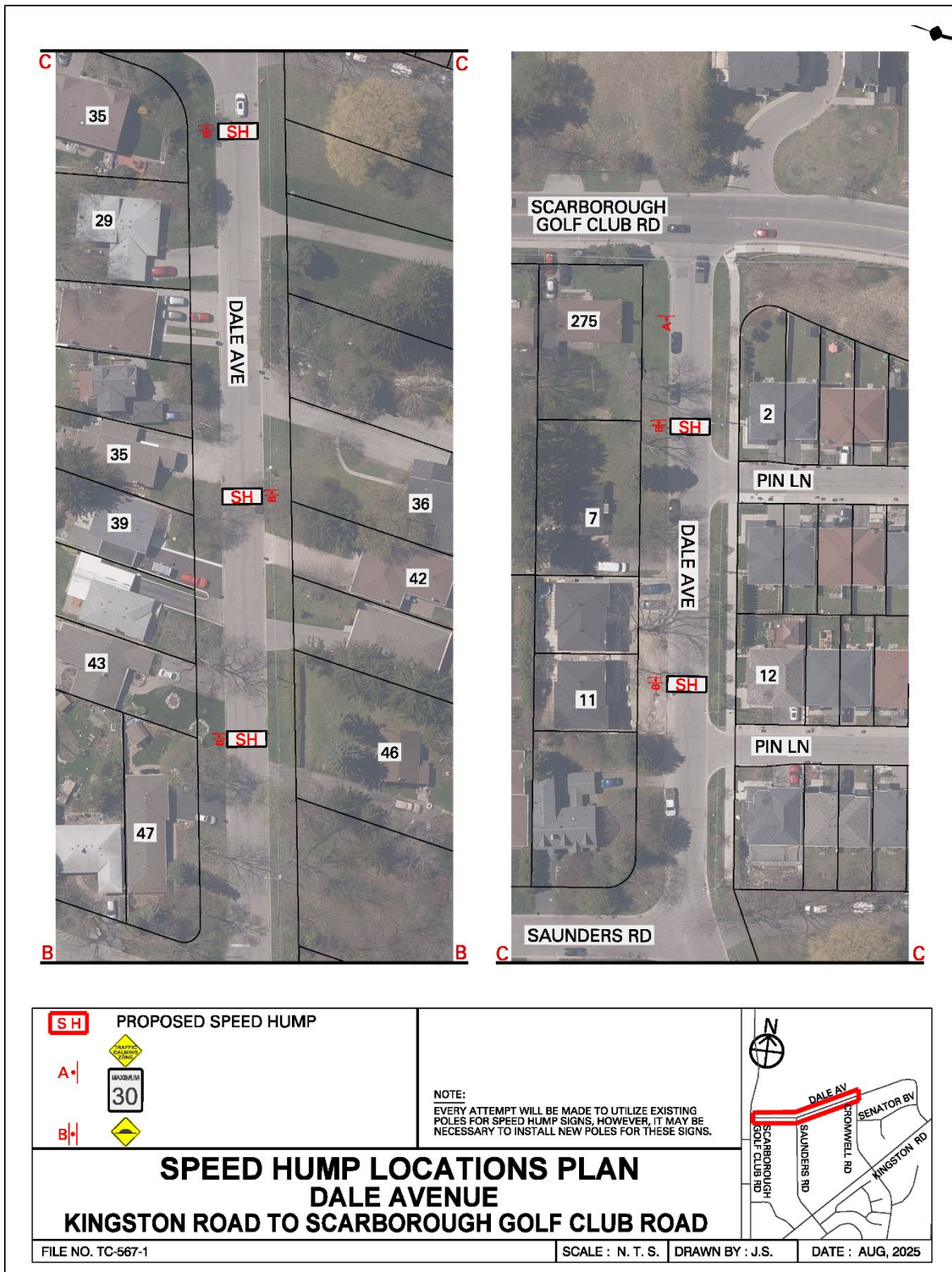
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	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (8 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	No (12 km/h)

Attachment 3: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Dale Avenue, Kingston Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road (Matchline, see drawing TC-567-1)



Attachment 4: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Dale Avenue, Kingston Road to Scarborough Golf Club Road



Attachment 5: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, August 15, 2025

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Subject: RE: Speed Humps - Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road

Hi Omar,

We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston Road, with the following comments:

The installation of speed humps on Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston 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 Dale Avenue, between Scarborough Golf Club Road and Kingston 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.

