

## **Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Peveril Hill South**

**Date:** March 18, 2025

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's

### **SUMMARY**

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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 Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road. The assessment indicates the warrant criteria as set out in the updated Traffic Calming Policy has been satisfied. Therefore, speed humps should be installed on Peveril Hill South.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the installation of speed humps on Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a by-law to alter the roadway for the installation of three speed humps on Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road, generally as shown on Attachment 2, Drawing TC-451, dated January, 2025, attached to the report entitled "Traffic Calming (Speed Humps) - Peveril Hill South" from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated cost for installing three speed humps on Peveril Hill South is \$12,000.00. Funding is subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services received a request from the Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, to investigate the feasibility of installing speed humps on Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road. The residents are concerned that motorists travel at a high rate of speed on Peveril Hill South.

### **Existing Conditions**

Peveril Hill South is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 400 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

The land use in this area primarily consists of residential. Robins Hebrew Academy is located on the south side of Avenal Drive at 1700 Bathurst Street, between Peveril Hill South and Bathurst Street. This subject section of Peveril Hill South is not within a 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 Peveril Hill South on from June 4 to 6, 2024.

The study results on Peveril Hill South disclosed the following:

- 24-hour total vehicle volume is 422 vehicles
- The block length from Avenal Drive and Ava Road is approximately 200 metres
- The operating speed, which is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 40 km/h
- The 95th percentile speed, which is the speed at which 95 percent of traffic is travelling at or below, was observed at 44 km/h

Based on the study results, Peveril Hill South has satisfied the warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed. The block length is greater than the minimum 120 metre requirement and the operating speed is 10 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 Peveril Hill South.

## **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. Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road, scored 19 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.

Toronto Paramedic Services responded and advised they do not support the installation of speed humps as it may negatively impact their service delivery. A copy of their full response is included in Attachment 3. Toronto Fire Services and Toronto Police Service 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.

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

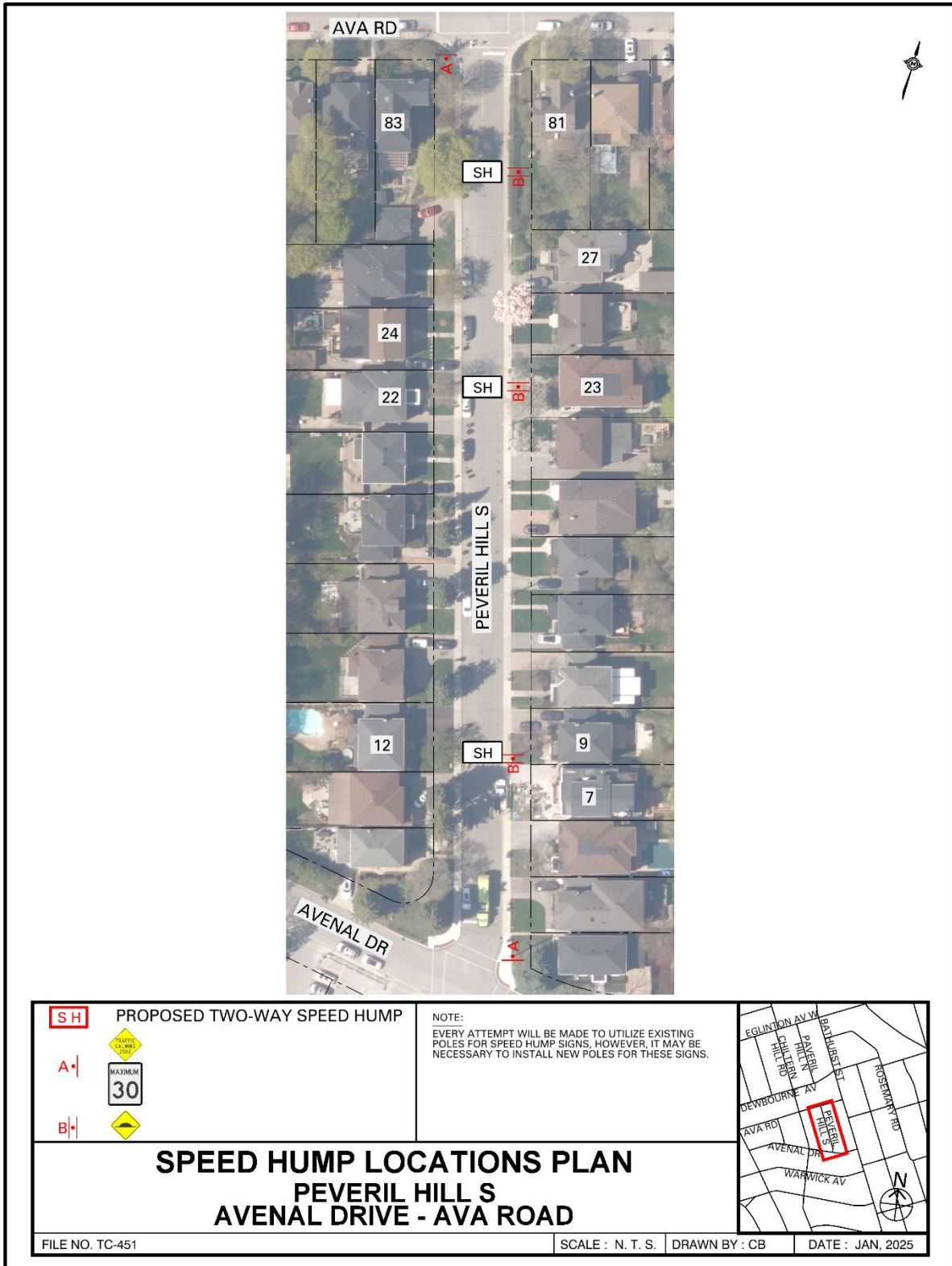
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- Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Peveril Hill South
- Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Peveril Hill South, Avenal Drive - Ava Road (drawing TC-451)
- Attachment 3: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated December 23, 2024

## Attachment 1: Traffic Calming Warrant - Peveril Hill South

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 (202 m)
	85th percentile speed	Minimum 85th percentile speed of 8 km/h over the warranted speed limit OR	Yes (40 km/h)
	95th percentile speed	Minimum 95th percentile speed of 15 km/h over the warranted speed limit	No (44 km/h)

Attachment 2: Speed Hump Locations Plan - Peveril Hill South, Avenal Drive - Ava Road



## Attachment 3: Letter from Toronto Paramedic Services, dated December 23, 2024

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**From:** EMS Planning <emsplanning@toronto.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 10:54 AM  
**To:** Rick Bartel <Rick.Bartel@toronto.ca>  
**Cc:** Atif Sharif <Atif.Sharif@toronto.ca>; Jennifer Chung <Jennifer.Chung@toronto.ca>; EMS Planning <emsplanning@toronto.ca>; EMS Planning <emsplanning@toronto.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Traffic Calming - Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road

*We have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava Road, with the following comments:*

*The installation of speed humps on Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava 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 Peveril Hill South, between Avenal Drive and Ava 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.*