

Date: May 22, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Blackthorn Avenue, Traffic Calming (Additional Speed Hump)
(Ward 9, Davenport)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the May 28, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

This memorandum is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Summary

- ☐ Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☐ Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- X Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time

Draft Recommendations

1. *Toronto and East York Community Council install one additional speed hump on Blackthorn Avenue, between Rockwell Avenue and Rowntree Avenue, for traffic calming purposes, generally as shown on Drawing No. TC-675, dated March 2026, from the Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services.*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 76.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 61 metres further north.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between the first laneway north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 76.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West.*

4. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, except no parking anytime from a point 76.2 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 61 metres further north, on the even (west) side of Blackthorn Avenue from St. Clair Avenue West to Rockwell Avenue.*
5. *Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 42.5 metres north of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further north.*
6. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 37 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 6.5 metres further north.*
7. *Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one-hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 43.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 50.5 metres further north.*
8. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking to be in effect at all times, on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 94 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and a point 80.5 metres further north.*
9. *Toronto and East York Community Council authorize permit parking to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, on the even (west) side of Blackthorn Avenue from St. Clair Avenue West to Rockwell Avenue.*
10. *Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing on-street accessible parking space in effect at all times on the west side of Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 17 metres south of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south, to be in effect between a point 10 metres south of Rockwell Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further south.*
11. *Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing one-way highway on Blackthorn Avenue, between a point 117 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Rockwell Avenue, to be in effect between a point 136 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West and Rockwell Avenue.*

The Ward Councillor requested staff to evaluate the feasibility of implementing one additional speed hump on Blackthorn Avenue, north of Rockwell Avenue, to improve safety for all road users. Currently, there are five speed humps installed on this section of Blackthorn Avenue. These were originally installed in 2000.

Blackthorn Avenue, between Rogers Road and Rowntree Avenue, was converted from two-way traffic to operate one-way southbound with a northbound contra-flow bicycle lane on the east side of the street in September 2025 as part of Phase 1 of the Silverthorn Cycling Connections Project. Following the one-way conversion, residents reported that motorists are still speeding on Blackthorn Avenue approaching Rockwell Avenue, because the distance between the existing southernmost speed hump and Rockwell Avenue is approximately 100 metres.

As the Councillor has indicated they would like to forgo the study process, updated motorist speed and volume data was not collected, and staff have not evaluated the effectiveness of the existing traffic calming measures (speed humps) in the roadway. Staff conducted a site visit in March 2026 to map the proposed additional speed hump location.

Transportation Services also detected inconsistencies in the traffic by-law related to the current signed parking regulations on Blackthorn Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with Recommendations 2 to 11.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, staff expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations above will be approximately \$4,000.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Capital Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by Toronto and East York Community Council.

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