

TRAFFIC CALMING HUMPS IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD MIGHT BE REMOVED

BACKGROUNDER

To Residents on Post Road, Bridle Heath Gate, Park Lane Circle, High Point Road, Bridle Path and Hyde Park Circle

Issue: On May 31st, 2005 North York Community Council (NYCC) considered a request by the Executive Member, Don Valley East Residents & Ratepayer Inc. (Ward 34 – east of the DVP) to have the speed bumps (humps) in our area removed. The executive Member was accompanied by Presidents of three other Ratepayer Associations (representing 8,000 households) who each spoke on this issue. He also introduced a petition dated July 6th, 2004 signed by 67 EMS Paramedics which maintains that they cannot transport residents from Ward 34 to Sunnybrook Hospital because of the speed bumps. This information was not substantiated with any accurate medical data. Our local Councillor nor the residents were informed of the request in time and, therefore no local input was possible.

After the deputations, NYCC deferred the request for the removal of speed bumps on Post Road - Bridle Path and requested the Director, Transportation Services, North York District, to review alternatives to the humps in consultation with residents from Ward 34 (who do not live in our neighbourhood). This recommendation was subsequently before City Council on June 14th, 15th and 16th, 2005 who sent the matter back to NYCC for discussion at its meeting on July 5th 2005.

Councillor Cliff Jenkins met with concerned residents to reach a stopgap strategy to change the recommendations and take back ownership of this matter so residents in The Bridle Path community have a say on what is happening in their neighbourhood.

At the July 5th NYCC meeting, 15 residents from our community attended. Six made a deputation to express concerns about the removal of the traffic calming humps and their impact on the area's safety. Deputants from four organizations in Ward 34 (representing 8,000 homeowners) also addressed Members of Council. NYCC adopted an amended Motion from our Councillor which sets up a process for City Transportation staff to report on the Executive Member's (Ward 34 – east of the DVP) request; consult with the residents in The Bridle Path area, representatives from Ward 34 and Emergency Services on possible changes to traffic calming in the area, i.e. remove humps on ONE STREET and install turn restrictions.

Action: To respond to the above threat of removal/changes and to address key issues in our neighbourhood, we need to revitalize the Bayview Heights Residents Association and decide on an interim Executive Committee and action to engage Councillors from other areas who vote at NYCC.

If you have expertise to extend to the community or want to part of the new Executive Committee please volunteer at the meeting on August 4th or contact Maureen Wright at 416 447-2500/416 447-2500. Thank you.

Compiled By: Concerned Residents –August 4th, 2005

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