

Memorandum to Council

Planning and Development Department

Engineering Services



To: Mayor and Members of Council

CC: Roger Saunders, Commissioner, Planning and Development
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**Acknowledged by M. Gaskell,
Chief Administrative Officer**

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Subject: Whitburn Street, Speed Hump Engagement
Results

The purpose of this memorandum is to update Members of Council on the Whitburn Street Speed Hump Engagement Results.

In 2022, in response to residents' requests, a series of eight speed humps were installed along Whitburn Street, between Rossland Road and Whitburn Park. The design of the humps considered industry standards, driveway locations, etc. The spacing of the speed humps is intentional to reduce travel speeds and limit drivers' ability to speed up between the speed humps. Since the installation of these speed humps, Members of Council have received requests to remove some, or all, of the speed humps.

Through ConnectWhitby, the community was surveyed on whether they wanted the current speed humps on Whitburn Street to be permanently removed, reduced in number, or to be maintained.

Letters requesting input were delivered to the homes on Whitburn Street, as well as Maple Edge Lane, Gilchrist Court, Woodhaven Crescent, Lockridge Street, Kapuscinski Court, Kerrigan Drive, Montrose Crescent, Longford Court, and Lyndhurst Crescent. A QR Code was provided to provide easy access to the ConnectWhitby Survey.

Summary of Results

A summary of the results and common themes are provided below. The results of the survey is also provided as Attachment No. 1. The results are separated by respondents that live on Whitburn Street, those who do not live on Whitburn Street, and combined.

Location and Feedback Received	Permanently Remove	Reduce in Number	Maintain	Total
Whitburn Street Resident	98 (42.4%)	52 (22.5%)	81 (35.1%)	231 (100%)
Non- Whitburn Street resident	134 (42.3%)	93 (29.3%)	90 (28.4)	317 (100%)
Combined	232 (42.3%)	145 (26.5%)	171 (31.2%)	548 (100%)

- A total of 549 responses were received. 231 responses were received from residents that live on Whitburn Street and 318 responses were received from others.
- There was no firm majority received from either Whitburn Street residents or non-Whitburn Street residents.
- Common themes that emerged from the comments received (500+) are as follows:
 - The speed humps are needed and have slowed traffic;
 - Additional traffic calming is needed in the neighbourhood;
 - Alternate traffic calming is needed (lane narrowing, bike lanes, etc.);
 - Speed humps have caused damage to vehicles;
 - Increase in noise as a result of the speed humps;
 - Questions regarding the cost to install and remove;
 - Speed humps are no longer needed as area construction is complete (Brock Street and Rossland Road construction);
 - Experienced increase to emergency vehicle response time;
 - Too many speed humps along the corridor and need to be reduced/removed;
 - Too close together and too close to (now) stop controlled intersections; and,
 - Speeding continues between the speed humps.

Recommendation

The cost to remove the speed humps and reinstall the asphalt surface is estimated to be in the order of \$50,000. Removal has not been considered in the 2025 capital programming. As there was no firm majority for any survey option presented, and considering that satisfying all residents is not possible, staff propose that the speed humps be maintained. The speed humps may be revisited when the road is reconstructed.

Additional traffic calming measures may be considered in the neighbourhood when the Traffic Calming Policy is complete and is being implemented.