

Mississauga Road Safety Committee - Presentation Nov 21, 2023

Survey-Vote Process - for Speed Bumps etc

Improvements Are Needed to Protect Residents

Context: When there can be misrepresentations and a bias for an excessive # of speed bumps.

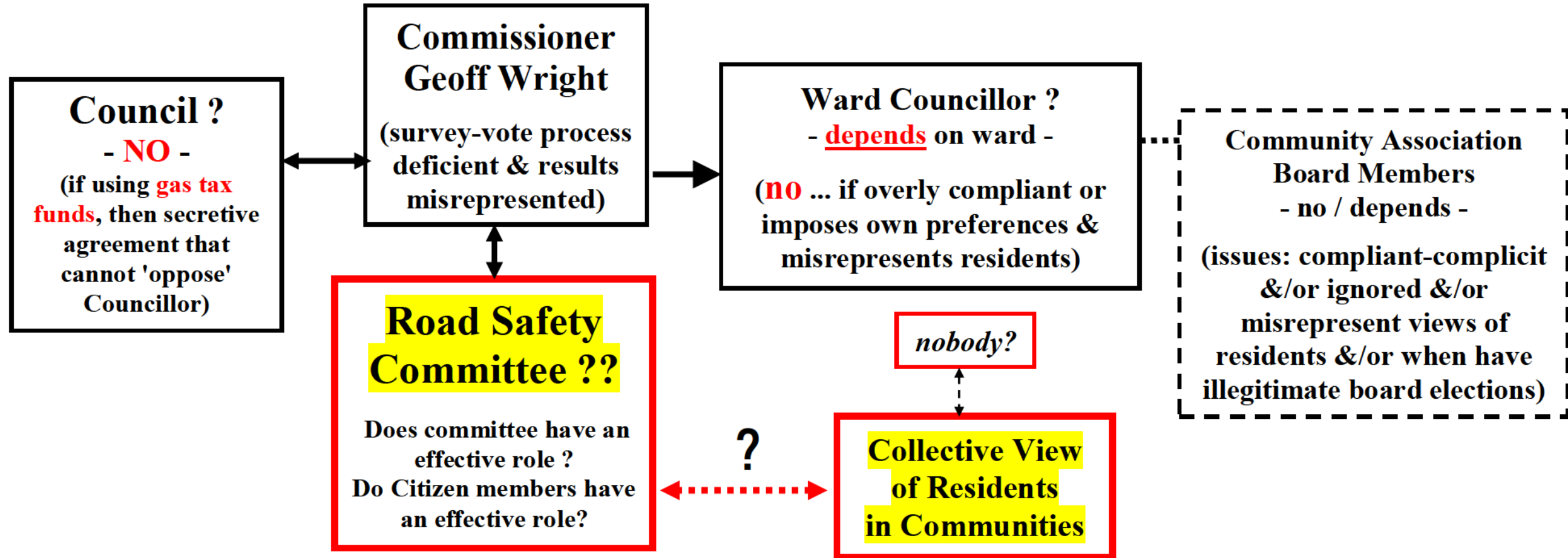
Objective: In order for affected residents to be less dependent on relying upon the integrity & protections that should be provided by Commissioner Wright & the Ward Councillor.

Dan Anderson
Mississauga resident
[REDACTED]

Determining and Respecting the Views of Residents (stop signs & speed bumps etc)

Relevance to Road Safety Committee

Lessons Learned - **who will protect residents** from bias of Commissioner Wright ?



Speed Bumps and Alternatives

**Is Identifying the
Consensus of the Community
An Important Factor
for the
Road Safety Committee ?**

**Resident Recommendation (Sept 26, 2023)
forwarded to Road Safety by the Committee
but it misrepresents community consensus**

**"Please build (speed bumps) on Clarkson Rd N
just the way you did on Queen St W,
so many on Queen St W
that is fantastic,
those residents who live there
absolutely love them."**

???

... Resident Sept 26, 2023

NO - The majority of residents on Clarkson Rd N would not support that objective, and residents fronting on Queen St W were not consulted and consider the number excessive.

Committee members were misled, but the problem is that the Commissioner and Councillor are prepared to disregard/misrepresent a survey-vote process, and instead rely on this sort of anecdotal justification.

Road Safety Committee - Sept 26, 2023

Road Safety Committee
Citizen Member
Michael Matic

Immediately prior to vote
 by committee members
 on forwarding resident's
 recommendations to Road Safety.



**"Is this reflective of the
 consensus of the community
 members and ... that would be a
 primary concern for me
 that we've accounted for
 all your neighbours
 as you've mentioned before."**

**Subsequently determined
 resident had discussed with
 ~3 out of 50 homes on
 Clarkson Rd N.**

Response by Clarkson Rd N Resident (20:00):

"... I walked over to **all of my neighbours** ... and every single neighbour that I've chatted with, and **I've chatted with about three dozen** at this point (*insert note: there are about 50 homes with frontage on the street*) ... when I wanted to present this, I went around the neighborhood asking everyone and ... based on the sample that I have, I have **no opposition to some of the thoughts I've presented, with the exception of** ... (Facebook comments about parking on the street).

A reliable survey-vote process is important so that residents who live in the community can confirm their collective view.

The circumstances regarding the Sept 26 presentation have been addressed at greater length during Oct 4 2023 presentation to General Committee. (@ 1:39:00)

Nine examples for "false narratives" re: resident speed bump survey-voting

	<u>related 'motions'</u>	<u>information sources</u>
★ Park Royal 2021 (ward 2)	2-5, 7, 10-revote	Mullin/Anderson - May 11 2022 Gen Comm
★ Orr Rd (ward 2)	2-5, 7, 10-revote	Mullin/Anderson - May 11 2022 Gen Comm
● 1st line ~2021 (ward 11)	2-5, 7 ...	Carlson comments - May 11 2022 Gen Comm
● unnamed ~2021 (ward 8)	2-5, 7 ...	Mahoney comments - May 11 2022 Gen Comm
● McDowell Dr 2022 (ward 10)	2-5, 7 ...	correspondence McFadden May 23-26, 2022
● Queen Frederica 2023 (ward 3)	2-5, 7 ...	Fonseca+ March 8 2023 General Committee
● Orr Rd 2022-3 (ward 2)	4-7 (~ok)	Tedjo/Anderson - March 8 2023 Gen Comm
★ Queen St W 2021-3 (ward 2)	1-7, 9, 10★	correspondence to Road Safety Oct 23 2023
★ Bromsgrove 2022-3 (ward 2)	4-7, 10★	Tedjo/Anderson - March 8 2023 Gen Comm

★ indicates details are below on highlighted roads --- in context of the proposed motions listed on next page

Above list suggests dozens of roadways may have been affected by misrepresentations by Commissioner Wright, and many more in future if the process is not changed.


Requesting Support from Mississauga Road Safety Committee

Improving Speed Bump Survey-Vote Process

- motion # 1 - availability - establish some criteria for when residents have a right to that survey-vote process, rather than just based on the whims of the Councillor/Commissioner.**
- motion # 2 - compromise option(s) - establish criteria for when residents are entitled to more than just the Commissioner's max take-it-or-leave-it option, and require that residents be openly informed and involved in the development of such a compromise option ... not restricted to being a community association member. e.g. ★ Bromsgrove**
- motion # 3 - survey-vote letters**
- letters should disclose: proposed #s of speed bumps etc for a non-binding vote
- motion # 4 - road signs (needed because of unreliable distribution of survey-vote letters)**
- road signs should disclose that the website identifies specific numbers of speed bumps etc for which a vote is being taken, and how to download survey-vote letters.
- motion # 5 - website:**
- a) state that "current projects" tab shows details for what residents are voting on
 - b) ★ disclose distinction between 'traffic calming' and 'speed control' measures

- motion # 6 - interpreting survey-voting - establish guidance for interpreting results of voting when compromise option(s) included and require that Road Safety publish how they have interpreted the results (e.g. ★ Commissioner misrepresenting the 2022 results for ★ Bromsgrove Rd and Orr Rd and refusing to disclose intentions for 8 months).**
- motion # 7 - Disclosures to Council - the Commissioner should be required to disclose in his recommendations to Council how many speed bumps etc he intends to install**
- motion # 8 - Clarkson Rd N - request that response to Sept 26 2023 recommendation forwarded to Road Safety should be made available on request for other interested residents.**
- motion # 9 - ★ accountability - support Oct 23, 2023 request for documentation to be available to residents regarding misrepresentations about the views of ★ Queen St W residents**
- motion # 10 - ★ corrective actions - give consideration to what corrective actions should be taken under circumstances when Commissioner/Councillor have materially disregarded and/or misrepresented the views of affected residents, for the purpose of installing what most residents consider an excessive number of speed bumps. e.g. ★ various**

★ indicates further details below on applying proposed motions	★ indicates details below on certain roads
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motion # 11 -  gas tax 'fiefdom' agreement amongst Councillors - help to identify to the Mayor and Council that 'governance' is a problem when the Mayor and Council support formal sweetheart deals between all Councillors whereby Council abdicates its own responsibility to help support residents who are concerned about dishonesty and deception, with the Integrity Commissioners submissive to Council's wishes.

Hopefully the members of the Road Safety Committee will directly undertake to address the above considerations that are affecting communities in Mississauga, rather than simply having a motion to "receive" the presentation, or forwarding it to Commissioner Wright without specific direction. The Commissioner seems to have conflict of interest and very little incentive to address these issues.

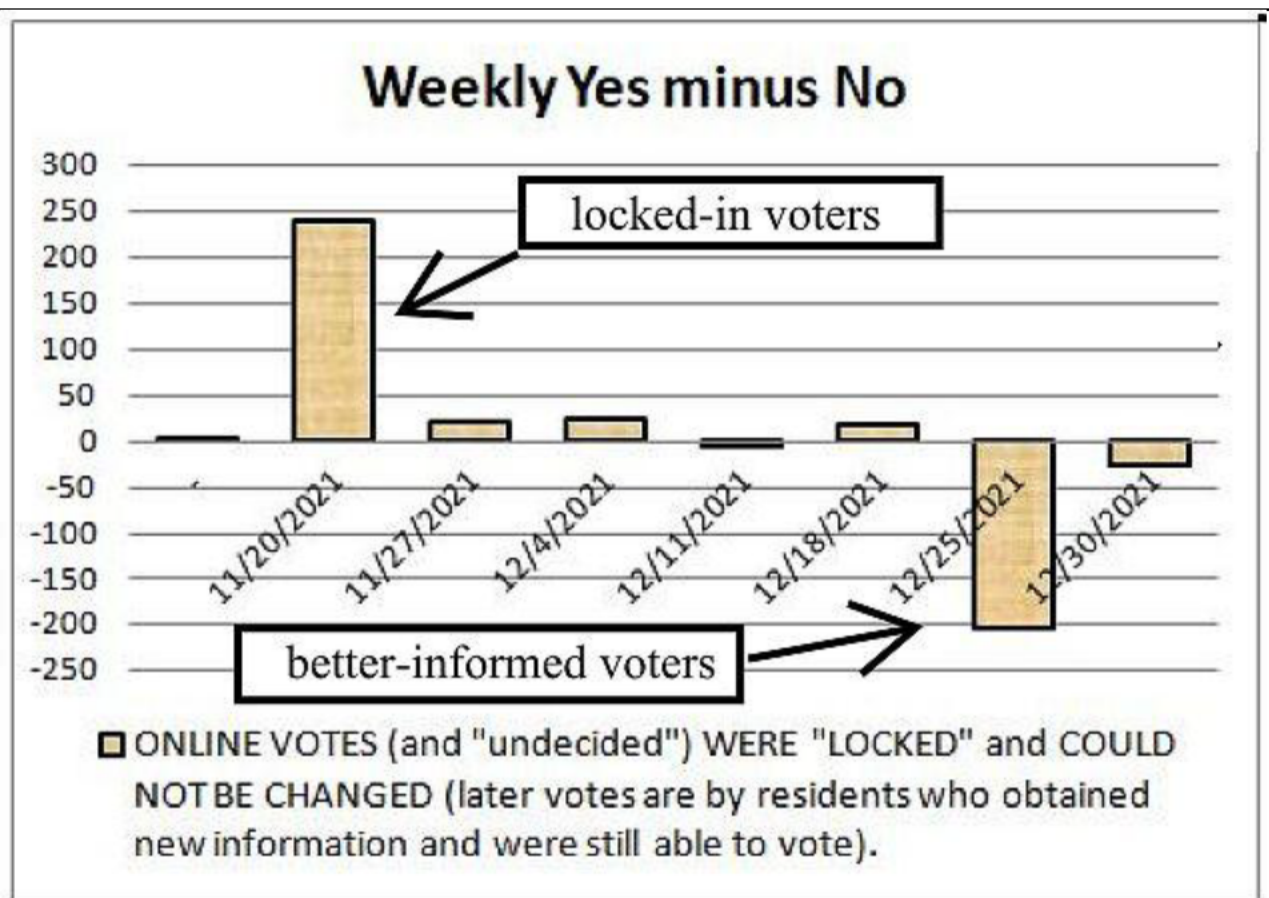
Specific  roadway examples follow, in the context of the recommended motions for Road Safety Committee members.

★ Park Royal Dec 2021 - 30 Speed Bumps - Councillor Karen Ras (resigned Jan 2022)

- **intentions were hidden** from Park Royal residents, with some association board members complicit -

Effect on survey-vote results after residents on Bromsgrove and Brookhurst discovered that information was being hidden from them.

- 3-page letters did not disclose there was an intention to install 30 speed bumps (5 roads).
- referenced webpage did not disclose role of the "current projects" tab re 30 speed bumps.
- confirmed understanding/intent by Road Safety that number of speed bumps was not the business of residents (i.e. not 'professionals'), but streets were selected by Karen Ras to spend gas tax \$ and not selected by Road Safety.



Orr Rd similar problem & March 8 2023 Gen Comm meeting confirmed communities to get re-vote.

re-voting - illustrating Councillors with Good and Bad Approaches - Replacing Karen Ras

good approach



Interim Councillor Pat Mullin: (May 11, 2022)
★ (Park Royal, including Bromsgrove Rd and Orr Rd)
"I have received numerous emails voicing their concern that many did not receive the survey and also those that did receive the survey not really quite informed as to exactly what was being proposed and it's my recommendation that we do send out another survey and also possibly options, and I do know we use stop signs on occasions as well."

bad approach



Councillor Alvin Tedjo: (March 8, 2023)
(endorsed by Karen Ras and Bonnie Crombie)
(★ Bromsgrove Rd & Orr Rd & ★ no-vote Queen St W)
"Some of us new folks here, only been here 16 weeks now ... but at the end of the day sometimes a government, an agency, whatever it is, needs to come in and say we need to impose ... traffic calming (insert: code talk for speed bumps)"
Conflicts with surveyed view of residents.

★ Queen St W - Speed Bumps

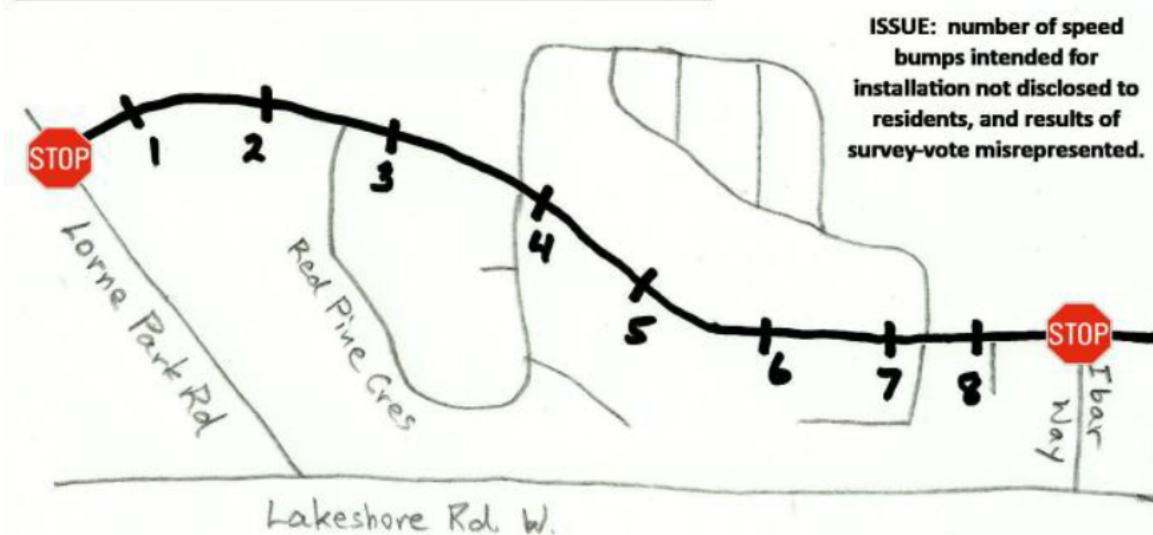
From Lorne Park Rd to Ibar Way

MAY 2023

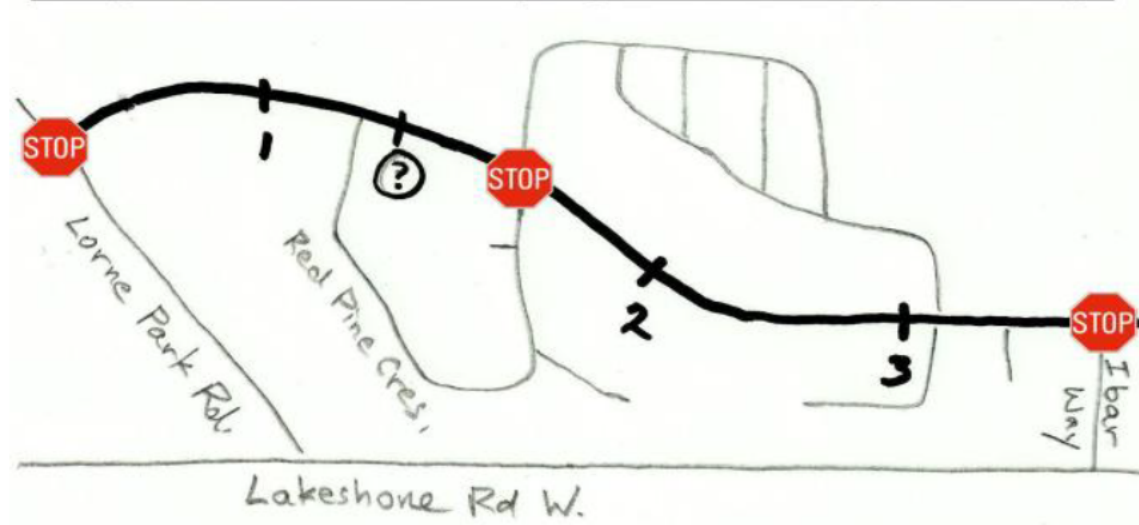
Excessive speed bumps '**imposed**' on residents while Commissioner misrepresented residents.

Alternative option not taken into account:

Perspective # 1 - eight speed bumps



Perspective # 2 - new stop sign and 3 to 4 speed bumps




and 4 more speed bumps installed west of Ibar Way

★ proposed motion # 9 - accountability

★ proposed motion # 10 - corrective actions

★ Queen St W - Excessive Speed Bumps - Misrepresenting View of Residents

Queen St W residents had been **unaware** 12 speed bumps were going to be installed but Councillor Tedjo 'imposed' those speed bumps May 2023, along with Commissioner Wright's **misrepresentations** to Council of 70% support.

<u>May 2022</u>		<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Oct 2023</u>
<u>Commissioner Wright</u> recommendations "70% of respondents were supportive of proposed measures along Queen Street W" - NO -	 Gen Comm May 11, 2022	12 speed bumps installed as per undisclosed June 2021 map	Door-to-Door Survey (63 of 84 homes fronting on Q-St-W) Residents had <u>no voice</u> nor choice on # of speed bumps (and preference for stop sign) and unaware until they were installed. Most residents consider the number of speed bumps excessive .

★ Oct 23, 2023 request for documentation on communications with Queen St W residents. cc: Councillor Dasko

★ proposed motion # 9 - accountability

★ proposed motion # 10 - corrective actions

★ Queen St W - Request for Documentation on Misrepresentations

As per the Oct 23 email to Road Safety as provided to Road Safety Committee members Nov 4:

The following documents were requested for online access by interested residents on Queen St W and adjacent streets:

- 1. The content of any notifications to residents regarding speed bumps on Queen St W, including any notifications about a survey-vote on the number of speed bumps.**
- 2. Any notifications about the June 2021 webpage that identified the intended 12 speed bumps.**
- 3. Details on the assertion of 70% support by residents ... including what question was asked of residents, whether or not the resident lived on Queen St W and how the survey-vote was taken if no survey-vote letters were distributed and residents were unaware of a survey-vote process.**
- 4. Some explanation why Councillor Tedjo and Commissioner Wright proceeded to install the excessive speed bumps, residents with no survey-vote process regarding the number of speed bumps or the alternative of installing fewer speed bumps along with a new stop sign.**

95% of the residents surveyed Oct 2023 believe they had a right to be informed of proposed speed bumps (with alternatives) and to express their views through a formal survey-vote process.

★ proposed motion # 9 - accountability

★ proposed motion # 10 - corrective actions

Orr Rd - Speed Bumps >>> Deceptions Resolved

Info hidden from residents and Commissioner Wright falsely asserts **67%** support.

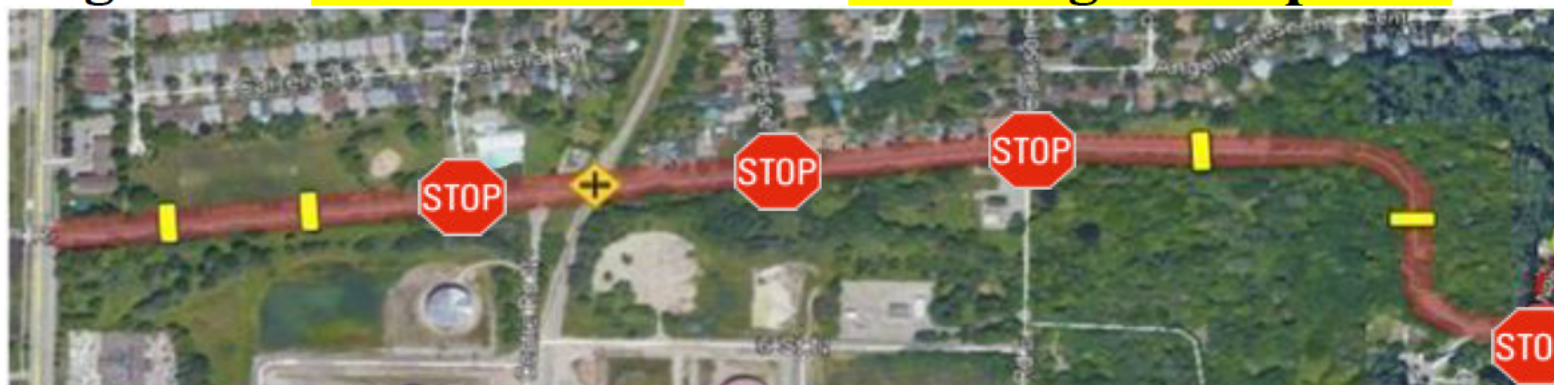
June 2021 - Deceptive Attempt at Excessive Speed Bumps



12 speed bumps

Aug 2023 - **Actual Result** from **re-voting with options**

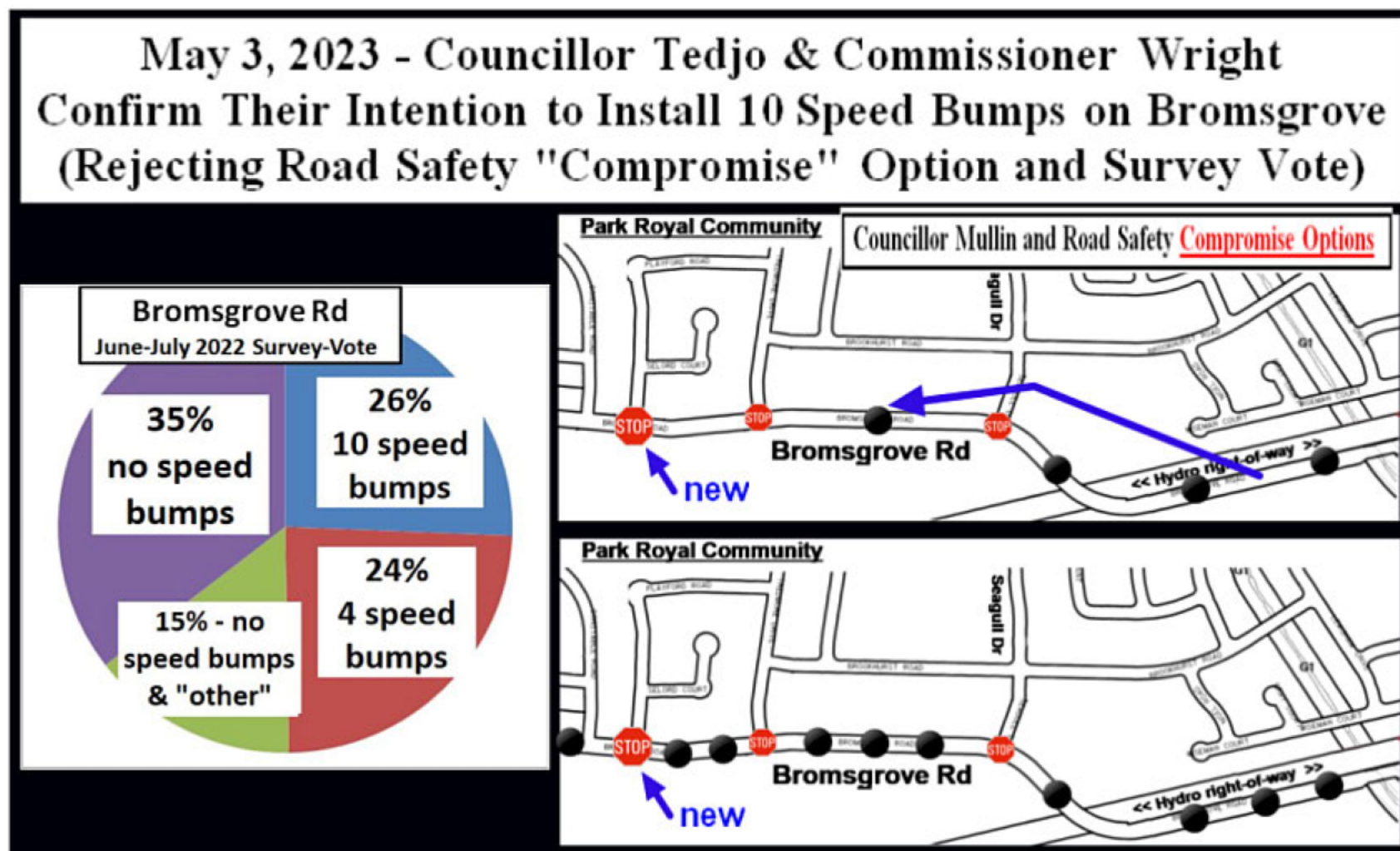
After re-voting with options, and **influential residents** opposing the **March 8 2023 misrepresentations** by Commissioner/Councillor.



4 speed bumps and 2 new stop signs

OK

★ Bromsgrove Rd - Speed Bumps



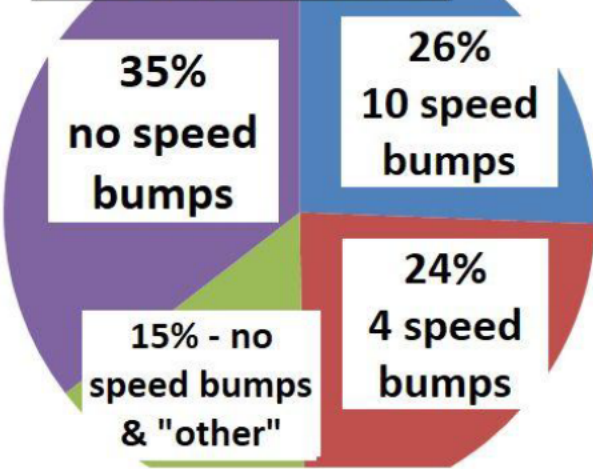
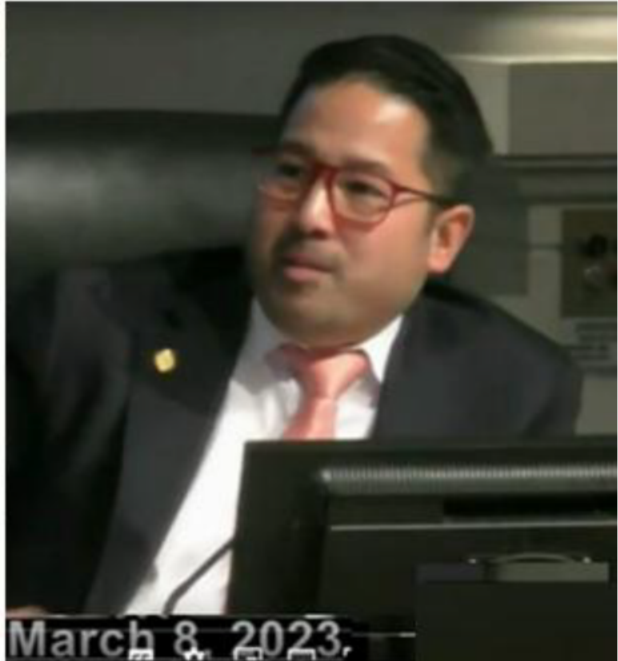
In the context of repeated concerns about **misrepresentations**, excessive speed bumps on Bromsgrove were then installed week of Nov 7 2023, immediately pursuant to Oct 23, 2023 email to Councillor Tedjo & Road Safety regarding Queen St W misrepresentations.

★
proposed motion # 10
corrective actions

★ Bromsgrove Rd (in Park Royal)

**Commissioner Wright & Councillor Tedjo
Misrepresent 2022 Re-Vote Results &
"Impose" Excessive Number of Speed Bumps**

★
proposed motion # 10
corrective actions

<p>★ Bromsgrove Rd Nov 2023</p> <p>10 speed bumps being installed</p>	<p>Bromsgrove Rd June-July 2022 Survey-Vote</p>  <p>& one new stop sign</p>	<p>Commissioner Wright & Councillor Tedjo March 8, 2023</p> <p>"56%" of respondents were supportive of the proposed measures along Bromsgrove"</p> <p>NO</p>	 <p>March 8, 2023.</p>
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NO - resident voting implied a compromise-option result of **4 speed bumps** and relative support of **74%+**. Even the support of 26% for 10 speed bumps was **inflated** by a manipulated compromise option that was established without affected residents having a voice regarding the logical location of the speed bumps.

Further details at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-y67mZQTOA&list=PLVs3YtOTQrqYpxhMY6oKLwKQKph5Pn1JW&index=2>
OR <https://tinyurl.com/46vzzp8b> [click on gray box underneath video for linked table of contents] also see Serena Tiggs Facebook

Council Member Concerns Regarding Misrepresentations by Commissioner Wright

Councillor Dipika Damerla: March 22, 2023



"... question to Commissioner Wright ... the **surveys** I think create a **false narrative** with residents. This hybrid model is causing grief because ... it gives false sense to residents they have agency over this, and that's not necessarily the case, and if it is, then **we should be following a much stricter way of interpreting the results.**"

note: Because gas tax funds are used to pay for the speed bumps, the Ward Councillor makes the decision regarding the number of speed bumps (and whether to accept misrepresentations), and not Council, due to a reciprocal 'fiefdom' gas tax agreement for all Councillors that neuters the role of the Mayor and Council re accountability.



proposed motions # 10 and #11

Commissioner Wright Deflecting Responsibility for his Misrepresentations to Council

Commissioner Wright: (March 22, 2023)

"Just to make a point of clarification, staff don't decide and get to select what traffic calming measures go in ... Council ultimately make those decisions. "

NO - only the Ward Councillor decides whether to accept the Commissioner's misrepresentations because Council is blocked by the fiefdom gas tax agreement.



Commissioner Wright's March 22 comment above was in response to the following by Mayor Crombie:



Mayor Crombie (March 22, 2023) - "Of course, our Commissioner (and our staff) are experts in this area and they do what they think is best for the safety and security of our streets and our residents"

Road Safety already determined the compromise option. Mayor Crombie supports the misrepresentations and disregards the views of residents who live in the community.

**motion # 5(b)****Definition of 'Traffic calming' - resolving the obfuscations**

Context: The misleading nature of the City's definition of "traffic calming" has repeatedly been used by the Commissioner and some Councillors, with the intent and effect of obfuscating communications and discrediting residents (e.g. March 8, 2023 General Committee meeting).

Clearly define the following misleading City terminology for websites, surveys, etc

- **Traffic calming** measures include:
 - a) speed bumps (i.e. 'active' or 'impact' traffic calming) and
 - b) 'passive' traffic calming such as bollards, cycle lanes and other road markings.
- **Traffic calming does NOT** include stop signs, speed cameras, radar displays, police enforcement, speed limits, etc
- **Speed control** measures include:
 - a) speed bumps and 'passive traffic' calming measures,
 - b) stop signs, speed cameras, radar displays, police enforcement, speed limits, etc

Some Resident Perspectives on Imposing 'Excessive' Speed Bumps for Roads

'excessive' approach has become an expression of the personal power of the Commissioner & his supporters	'excessive' approach has relied upon deception and misrepresentations	the 'compromise' approach allows for the option of reassessing and adjusting, but 'excessive' approach does not
pragmatic concerns about unnecessary cascading effects from 'excessive' approach	absurdity of autocrats unilaterally and permanently impacting communities where they do not live	'excessive' approach has relied upon blocking the involvement of affected residents in determining reasonable options
'excessive' approach is partly motivated by the desire to find ways to spend fiefdom gas tax funds	'excessive' approach has repeatedly disregarded reasonable alternatives such as additional stop signs	the Commissioner seems to have basic conflicts of interest in seeking an ongoing proliferation of speed bumps
'excessive' speed bumps are unique because they physically and permanently affect the daily lives of residents	'excessive' approach goes beyond speed considerations and instead obstructs roads and redirects traffic	'excessive' approach reflects the inherent absurdities behind the basic premise of the Vision Zero sloganism

One premise of the no-option 'excessive' approach: "Do it my way ... or get nothing".

Closing Comments

It would be great if some Committee members might have some questions for which I might help clarify the above considerations, rather than no substantive expressions of interest, or only seeking responses from individuals who might seek or be compelled to misrepresent the circumstances, with no opportunity for a resident response.

It would also seem a waste of the Committee's time for some members to just use their response time to make empty political speeches about Vision Zero, and how all the team members with the City are doing such a wonderful job.

I would nevertheless note that none of the concerns herein are directed towards Manager Colin Patterson and staff in Road Safety who I think are trying to do an effective job within the constraints of their roles.

Ideally, of course, it would be good if some committee members might put forward specific motions that would undertake to address various proposals reflected in the 11 recommended motions above.