

April 22, 2009

Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Study Notification of Opportunity for Public Comments

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that we have completed the Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvements Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study, and to inform you of the next opportunity for public input.

Study Progress and Recommended Design

The Class EA Study was initiated to evaluate a range of options for narrowing Jarvis Street and improving the pedestrian realm. Several alternatives were identified to address the options of narrowing Jarvis Street. At our last Public Information Centre (PIC) in January 2009, we identified the technically preferred design alternative as the narrowing of Jarvis Street by removing the centre reversible lane and widening the east boulevard. The preferred design alternative includes the following features:

- removal of the centre reversible lane;
- widening of the east side boulevard to provide a minimum unobstructed sidewalk width of 1.7 metres;
- provision of four (4) general traffic lanes with 3.6 metre curb lanes and 3.0 metre inside lanes;
- new street trees wherever possible in continuous tree pits; and
- provision of “focus areas” at various locations along the length of Jarvis Street, where there is available space, to incorporate features to reflect the heritage of Jarvis Street as well as to provide areas for people to congregate.

Since the last PIC, we have been finalizing the details of the preferred design and preparing the Environmental Study Report (ESR). The ESR documents the planning process followed in conducting the Study, including the alternatives considered, the evaluation criteria used in assessing the alternatives and the selection of the recommended design.

Next Opportunity for Public Input

The ESR is now complete and we will be seeking authority from the City of Toronto’s Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to file the ESR in the public record. Members of the public are welcome to



attend the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting and address the Committee by making a deputation. The details regarding this meeting are:

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2009
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Committee Room 1
2nd Floor, City Hall
100 Queen Street West

For those who wish to make a deputation regarding the project, you must contact Ms. Candy Davidovits or Ms. Belinda Bains of the City's Clerks Division at pwic@toronto.ca or at (416) 392-8032 or (416) 392-6315 by 12:00 noon on May 4, 2009. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to express your opinions to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the project, you may do so in writing by 12:00 noon May 4, 2009 to:

Ms. Candy Davidovits
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Administrator
City Hall, 10th Floor, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2
Fax: (416) 392-1879

If Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and City Council endorse our recommendations, we intend to file the ESR in the public record in June, 2009. This is the last step towards obtaining environmental assessment approval for the modifications to Jarvis Street. You will be notified when the filing occurs and of your opportunity to make further comments at that time.

The staff report and Environmental Study Report will be made available on the City's website, <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/pw.htm>, during the week of April 27, 2009.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the project, please feel free to contact:

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