



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Richmond Street East - Lane Closure for Construction

Date:	March 6, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Celotti Building Corporation is building a six-storey condominium at 294 Richmond Street East, on the north-east corner of Richmond Street East and Sherbourne Street. For this reason, Transportation Services must:

- close the north sidewalk for 9 months
- make a temporary pedestrian walkway in the north curb lane on Richmond Street East for 9 months
- close the east half of Stonecutters Lane for 9 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve the following actions:

1. close the sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Richmond Street East between a point 4 metres west of Sherbourne Street and a point 86 metres west of Sherbourne Street to traffic for 9 months, from April 25, 2007 to January 25, 2008;
2. during this period, replace the existing parking and stopping regulations on the north side of Richmond Street East between a point 4 metres west of Sherbourne Street and a point 86 metres west of Sherbourne Street with No Stopping Anytime;
3. close the east half of Stonecutters Lane, between Richmond Street East and a point 10 metres north of Richmond Street East to traffic for 9 months, from April 25, 2007 to January 25, 2008; and

4. return Richmond Street East and Stonecutters Lane to their pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Celotti Building Corporation will bear the costs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Celotti Building Corporation for this temporary lane closure and partial laneway closure. Chapter 937-2 of the Municipal Code authorizes staff to issue road closure permits of up to 30 days for private construction. This closure will be in effect for 9 months and needs Council's approval.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street East is a major arterial road, operating one-way with four westbound traffic lanes. There are existing peak period parking and stopping regulations between Sherbourne Street and George Street. No pay-and-display parking spaces will be affected during this temporary lane closure.

Stonecutters Lane is 5.79 metres wide and operates two-way between Britain Street and Richmond Street East. The applicant will keep a 3.0 metre wide lane open for traffic flow at all times.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Developing this property means excavating the entire site to a depth of one storey. That makes it impossible to build from private property alone. The applicant needs a construction staging area within the road allowance on the north side of Richmond Street East and on the east side of Stonecutters Lane. Richmond Street East will keep operating one-way westbound with a pedestrian walkway on the north side of the street. Stonecutters Lane will continue to be open for local access.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-8730, dated March, 2007

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