



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Bloor Street West - Laneway Closure for Construction**

<b>Date:</b>	June 4, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts07134te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Vanbots Construction Corporation is constructing a two-storey addition to an existing building at 82 Bloor Street West, on the north east corner of Bloor Street West and Bellair Street. For this reason, Transportation Services must close the public laneway to vehicles on the north side of the property for 6 months. A temporary pedestrian walkway will be kept open on the north side of the laneway.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council approve the following action:**

1. close the public laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bay Street and Bellair Street to vehicular traffic for 6 months, from June 27, 2007 to December 15, 2007.

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact on the City. Vanbots Construction Corporation will bear the costs.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services has received an application from Vanbots Construction Corporation to close the laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bellair Street and a point 17.5 metres east of Bellair Street, to use as a construction staging area to build a two-storey addition to an existing building at 82 Bloor Street West, on the north east

corner of Bloor Street West and Bellair Street. 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 6 months and needs Community Council's approval.

## **COMMENTS**

This laneway, known as Critchley Lane, is approximately 4.3 metres wide and operates two-way. Vehicular access to the laneway will only be from Bay Street during construction. A 1.5 metre wide pedestrian walkway will be kept open on the north side of the construction staging area for pedestrians and deliveries.

## **Reasons for the laneway closure**

The applicant requires a staging area in order to receive deliveries of construction materials and storage of materials during the work. Setting up the staging area in the laneway eliminates the need to close lanes of traffic for extended periods on Bellair Street or Bloor Street West.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-8811 dated May 2007

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