



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Berti Street - Closure for Construction

Date:	August 15, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
Reference Number:	Ts07171te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Bird Construction Company is building a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East, on the north side of the road, between Berti Street and Church Street. For this reason, Transportation Services must close the following for 15 months, beginning September 1, 2007:

1. the east sidewalk on Berti Street on the flank of the property; and
2. the laneway at the rear of the property.

Existing traffic operation will be maintained on Berti Street. Pedestrians will be redirected to the west side of the roadway. Access to the open portion of the laneway will be maintained from Church Street. Existing access to the EMS station on the west side of Berti Street will be maintained.

Transportation Services must also close the curb lane on Richmond Street East during the same time period. This issue is dealt with in a companion report “60 Richmond Street East – Closure for Construction”, requiring City Council Approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. close the east sidewalk on Berti Street, between Richmond Street East and the east/west laneway north of Richmond Street East, for 15 months, from September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008;
2. close the laneway running east from Berti Street, north of Richmond Street East, between Berti Street and the east property limit of Premises No. 60 Richmond Street East, for 15 months, from September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2008; and
3. return Berti Street and the laneway running east from Berti Street, north of Richmond Street East, to their pre-construction traffic condition when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Bird Construction Company will bear the costs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Bird Construction Company for a temporary occupation of the road allowance in order to provide a staging area to construct a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East.

Specifically, we have been requested to close the following for 15 months, beginning September 1, 2007:

1. the curb lane on Richmond Street East in front of the property;
2. the east sidewalk on Berti Street on the flank of the property; and
3. the laneway at the rear of the property.

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 15 months and needs Community Council's approval.

COMMENTS

Berti Street is a 6.7 metre wide, local roadway that runs north from Richmond Street to Queen Street East. A public laneway intersects Berti Street midway and runs east to Church Street. Berti Street operates two-way, south of the laneway and one-way northbound, north of the laneway. Stopping is prohibited on both sides of Berti Street. Also, there is an EMS station on the west side of Berti Street at Richmond Street East. TTC service does not operate on Berti Street.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Developing this property means building to the lot line on all sides. That makes it impossible to build from private property alone. The applicant needs a construction staging area within the road allowance on Richmond Street East, Berti Street and the laneway running east from Berti Street, north of Richmond Street East, as described above.

The existing two-way traffic operation south of the laneway, and one-way northbound operation north of the laneway, on Berti Street will be maintained during construction. Pedestrians will be redirected to the west side of the roadway. Access to the open portion of the laneway will be maintained from Church Street. Existing access to the EMS station will be maintained. Attached Drawing No. 421F-9044 depicts the proposed staging area.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9044, dated August 2007

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