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Traffic Study for the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood

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| From: | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise that the traffic study for the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood (specifically and including area bounded by Lower Spadina Avenue in the east and Stadium Road in the west) is currently underway. Also, traffic patterns in this area have returned to their typical levels after the temporary partial closure of Queens Quay in August 2006. In view of the traffic review being undertaken by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation respecting the future operation of Queens Quay and bearing in mind that this review will incorporate the study requested by former Councillor Martin Silva, this report is being provided for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its September 13, 2006 meeting Toronto and East York Community Council requested the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District to report to its January 2007 meeting on traffic patterns in the Bathurst Quay neighbourhood, specifically and including Lower Spadina Avenue in the east and Stadium Road in the west, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-8635, dated December 2006.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Former Councillor Martin Silva requested the traffic study based on concerns raised by residents due to the temporary partial closure of Queens Quay during August of 2006. There were also concerns about the traffic impact of future developments and the increased use of the island airport.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) is undertaking a Masterplan to improve access to Toronto's central waterfront, including a proposal to permanently close the southerly lanes of Queens Quay West and East, between Lower Spadina Avenue and Jarvis Street to create an enhanced pedestrian/cycling environment and transform the northerly lanes to two-way traffic operation. As a part of the Masterplan, a Traffic Feasibility Study is underway. The first main objective of the study is to provide due diligence and ensure that proposed traffic schemes are feasible and not flawed. The second main objective is to shortlist the number of feasible options that will be analyzed in further depth during the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. This process will include public consultation and input to any proposed plan.

The Bathurst Quay neighbourhood will be located within the primary study area and detailed pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic operations will be analyzed. The traffic study is being led by ARUP Consulting with extensive consultation with City staff from various divisions. It is anticipated that the study will be completed in the first half of 2007.

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