



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Murray Street - Lane Closure for Construction**

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| <b>Date:</b>             | October 12, 2007   |
| <b>To:</b>               | Toronto and East York Community Council                          |
| <b>From:</b>             | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20   |
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**SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Vanbots Construction Corporation is building a 6-storey addition at 600 University Avenue (Mount Sinai Hospital). For this reason, Transportation Services is requesting authority to close a portion of the northbound curb lane and east side sidewalk on Murray Street at the rear of Mount Sinai Hospital lane for a period of 18 months.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. close the sidewalk and curb lane on the east side of Murray Street from a point 78 metres south of Orde Street to a point about 90 metres further south from October 2007 to March 2009;
2. during this period, replace the existing parking regulations on the west side of Murray Street from a point 48 metres south of Orde Street to a point 132 metres further south and on the east side of Murray Street from a point 62 metres south of Orde Street to a point 100 metres further south with "No Stopping Anytime"; and
3. return Murray Street to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

## **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 Incorporated for this temporary lane 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 18 months and needs Toronto and East York Community Council's approval.

## **COMMENTS**

Murray Street operates two-way with one lane of traffic in each direction on a road width of 12.2 metres. If the construction staging area is approved, Murray Street, from a point 78 metres south of Orde Street to a point about 90 metres further south, will be narrowed to a road width of 6.5 metres, enough to maintain two-way traffic. Also, there is pay-and-display parking on this section of Murray Street. No TTC bus routes are affected by this proposed lane closure.

## **Reasons for the partial road closure**

Construction calls for a 6-storey addition to Mount Sinai Hospital. There is no space to build from private property alone. The applicant requires a construction staging area within the road allowance on the east side of Murray Street. Murray Street will continue operating two-way with a protected pedestrian walkway on the east side of the street.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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