

TE 13.64

To: TEYCC
February 12, 2008

Communication from Councillor Sandra Bussin

At its meeting on January 29th and 30th, 2008, City Council approved Official Plan amendments to introduce the Secondary Plan for the South of Eastern Employment District, including a site specific amendment for the 629, 633 and 675 Eastern Avenue. Council also approved a site specific zoning amendment for the District.

Policies in the Secondary Plan and the site specific Official Plan amendment outline the importance of the linear green connection on the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard East, generally between Coxwell Avenue and the Don Valley. Policies speak to limiting access to Lake Shore Boulevard East. Parks and Open Space policies speak to the importance of the Parks and Open Space Area along the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard East.

There is a continuous sidewalk and a bicycle trail on these lands and the policy of the plan is to limit access over these lands so that access does not interfere with the designated purpose of the lands and to ensure that the focus on pedestrians and cyclists is maintained.

Council also directed staff to report back on zoning these lands Park "G".

With this commitment it is important that these lands be secured for their intended use.

I am recommending the following to TEYCC:

That City Council:

1. Permanently close the portion of the boulevard on the north side of Lake Shore Boulevard East, generally from Coxwell Avenue in the east to the Don Road Way in the west, the southern limit of the bicycle trail to the southern property line of the properties to the north.
2. Authorize staff to give notice to the public of the proposed by-law to close the road in accordance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, with the Toronto and East York Community Council to hear any member of the public who wishes to speak to the matter during consideration of the proposed by-law at its April 8th meeting;
3. Authorize Transportation Services staff to advise the public of the proposed closure of the road prior to implementation, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ activities, by posting notice of the proposed closure on the notice pages of the City's Web site for at least five working days prior to the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the roadway will be considered; and
4. Authorize Transportation Services staff to adjust the limits of the closure as necessary and incorporate and advise Council of any other terms and conditions that may be applicable to this process.

Sandra Bussin