



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Foster Place, at Elizabeth Street – Introduction of a Stop Control

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has been delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision. Transportation Services is seeking authority to introduce a westbound “Stop” control on Foster Place at its intersection with Elizabeth Street.

The “One City Hall” condominium complex has increased traffic and pedestrian activity in this area. Introduction of a westbound “Stop” control on Foster Place at Elizabeth Street should clarify right-of-way for drivers and pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve a “Stop” control for westbound traffic on Foster Place at Elizabeth Street.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$500

COMMENTS

At the request of Councillor Kyle Rae, staff of Transportation Services has reviewed the need for intersection control on Foster Place at its intersection with Elizabeth Street.

Foster Place forms a “T” type intersection on the east side at Elizabeth Street. Foster Place is a local road that operates two-way. The pavement width is 9 metres, however a pinch point located on the north side of Foster Place, at Elizabeth Street, narrows the pavement width to approximately 6 metres at this point. Currently the intersection is uncontrolled. There is no TTC service on this street.

The “One City Hall” condominium development (111 Elizabeth Street), located on the southeast corner of Dundas Street West and Elizabeth Street, is now completed and occupied. This complex is a 16-storey condominium building with approximately 521 residential suites, and a retail space located at floor grade. The building’s primary vehicular access/egress is provided via a driveway on Foster Place east of Elizabeth Street. Access to the buildings loading/garbage facilities is also provided via the Foster place access.

According to Toronto Police Service collision records one collision was reported at the intersection of Foster Place and Elizabeth Street during the three-year period ending October 31, 2007. This collision involved a parked vehicle and did not occur as a result of a right-of-way conflict.

A “Stop” control is warranted on a minor roadway at an intersection when the normal right-of-way rule is unduly hazardous. Applying the right-of-way rule at this intersection, northbound motorists on Elizabeth Street are required to yield to traffic exiting Foster Place and motorists exiting Foster Place must also yield to southbound traffic on Elizabeth Street. In addition to the increased vehicular/pedestrian activity on Foster Place generated by “One City Hall”, sight lines for motorists exiting Foster Place are also limited due to the road narrowing currently in place on this street. Introducing a “Stop” control for westbound traffic on Foster Place, at Elizabeth Street, will clarify the right-of-way for motorists and pedestrians.

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