



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Victoria Street - Lane and Sidewalk Closure for Construction

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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 the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Urbancorp is renovating the exterior of a six-storey building on the southeast corner of Dundas Street East and Victoria Street, at 35 Dundas Street East. For this reason, Transportation Services must close the east sidewalk and the northbound curb lane on Victoria Street for 17 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Close the east sidewalk and northbound curb lane of Victoria Street, between a point 9.0 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 42.9 metres south of Dundas Street East to pedestrians and vehicles for 17 months, from May 7, 2008 to October 31, 2009.
2. During this period, extend the existing “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the east side of Victoria Street, between Dundas Street East and a point 26.0 metres south of Dundas Street East, to a point 47.9 metres south of Dundas Street East.

3. During this period, remove the existing “No Standing Anytime” regulation on the east side of Victoria Street, between a point 26.0 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 47.9 metres south of Dundas Street East.
4. Return Victoria Street to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Urbancorp will bear the costs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Urbancorp for a temporary sidewalk closure and northbound curb lane closure on the east side of Victoria Street, between a point 9.0 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 42.9 metres south of Dundas Street East to use as a construction staging area to construct this development.

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 17 months and needs Community Council’s approval.

COMMENTS

Victoria Street, between a point 9.0 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 42.9 metres south of Dundas Street East, is 12.8 metres wide and operates two-way with two traffic lanes in each direction. There are existing “No Stopping Anytime” and “No Standing Anytime” regulations on the east side.

There are existing streetcar tracks on this portion of Victoria Street, however, there are no active TTC routes. The TTC does use Victoria Street for short-turns or as an emergency streetcar detour route when necessary. They will continue to be able to do so with this proposed construction staging area in place.

The applicant has already consulted with the TTC to occupy the short section of eastbound/westbound streetcar tracks that run between Victoria Street and Dundas Street East via a tunnel through the existing building at 35 Dundas Street East.

Reasons for the partial road closure

The project involves renovating the exterior of an existing six-storey building that has already been constructed to the lot lines on all sides of the site. That makes it impossible to work from private property alone. The applicant needs a construction staging area within the road allowance on the east side of Victoria Street. Victoria Street will keep operating two-way and pedestrians will be diverted to a temporary walkway in the northbound curb lane on the east side of the street. The west sidewalk is not affected by this proposal.

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