



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bloor Street West - Extension of Laneway Closure Duration

Date:	April 17, 2008
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.

Vanbots Construction Corporation is constructing a two-storey addition to the existing Harry Rosen building at 82 Bloor Street West, on the north east corner of Bloor Street West and Bellair Street. They need to continue to keep the laneway at the rear of the property closed to vehicles and maintain a temporary pedestrian walkway on the north side of the laneway in order to complete construction.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Continue to close the public laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bay Street and Bellair Street to vehicular traffic for 5 months, from May 7, 2008 to October 31, 2008.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Vanbots Construction Corporation will bear the costs.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of June 26, 2007, in considering Item No. TE7.66, among other things, approved the closure of the public

laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bay Street and Bellair Street, to set up a construction staging area to build a two-storey addition to an existing building at 82 Bloor Street West, on the north east corner of Bloor Street West and Bellair Street.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a letter from Harry Rosen Inc., 77 Bloor Street West, advising that they need to keep the public laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bay Street and Bellair Street, closed for a longer period of time because construction of the building and the interior renovations are not yet complete. They have requested the closure to continue until October 31, 2008. 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 an additional 5 months and needs Community Council's approval.

COMMENTS

This laneway, known as Critchley Lane, is approximately 4.3 metres wide and operates two-way. Vehicular access to the laneway will continue to be from Bay Street during construction. A 1.5 metre wide pedestrian walkway will continue to be kept open on the north side of the construction staging area for pedestrians and deliveries.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Harry Rosen Inc. has advised us that, due to delays in construction, they need to keep the public laneway north of Bloor Street West, between Bay Street and Bellair Street closed until October 31, 2008, when the project will be complete. Pedestrians will continue to use the existing walkway adjacent to the construction staging area on the north side of the laneway.

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