



# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

## Road Alteration – Manning Avenue, South of Dundas Street

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2008
<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 19
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts08106te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to narrow a section of Manning Avenue, south of Dundas Street West, to be undertaken with on-going capital work associated with the Dundas streetcar track reconstruction, to enable development of the “Dundas & Manning Community Garden”. This narrowing will also provide a shorter distance for pedestrians to cross Manning Avenue, providing a safer crossing environment.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Approve narrowing the west side of Manning Avenue, south of Dundas Street West, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9313, dated June 2008.

### Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	2007 Capital Budget, Dundas Street West Track Replacement Contract No. 07TE-03RD	Minimal incremental cost

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

TTC track replacement and associated road/sidewalk capital work along Dundas Street West commenced in 2007. In conjunction with this work, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone requested staff to consider narrowing Manning Avenue, immediately south of Dundas Street West to accommodate the “Dundas & Manning Community Garden” project and, in turn provide a safer pedestrian environment.

## **COMMENTS**

### **Intersection characteristics**

Dundas Street West is a major arterial roadway with a daily two-way traffic flow of approximately 20,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 50 km/h. Public transit service is provided on Dundas Street West by the “505-Dundas” streetcar, which operates in mixed traffic.

Manning Avenue, is a local road that operates one-way southbound. The pavement width of Manning Avenue is about 7.3 metres. Manning Avenue, south of Dundas Street West has a daily traffic volume of about 1,200 vehicles and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on Manning Avenue.

The intersection of Dundas Street West and Manning Avenue is signalized.

### **Proposal**

The design for the community garden requires narrowing the width of Manning Avenue, from Dundas Street West to a point 18.8 metres south, from a width of 7.3 metres to a width of 5.5 metres. This proposal is recommended by Transportation Services. It will:

- promote slower operating speeds for vehicles entering the south road leg of Manning Avenue;
- provide a shorter distance for pedestrians to cross Manning Avenue, creating a safer pedestrian environment; and
- improve the public realm by providing an attractive sitting area for pedestrians and local residents.

The one-way southbound operation of Manning Avenue will be maintained and the intersection of Dundas Street West and Manning Avenue will not be adversely impacted by this proposal.

The proposed narrowing is shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-9313.

## **Future Works**

As part of the roadway and sidewalk restoration on Dundas Street West there are other similar intersection narrowings proposed at various local streets intersecting with Dundas Street West, between Dovercourt Road and Bathurst Street. Staff will be reporting further on these at a later date.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Drawing No. 421F-9313, dated June 2008

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