



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Lane and Sidewalk Closure for Construction – Eastern Avenue

Date:	June 12, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts08110te.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.

Cooper Construction is building a five-storey commercial development at 356 Eastern Avenue. For this reason, Transportation Services must close the north sidewalk and westbound curb lane on Eastern Avenue for two months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Close the sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street, for two months, from September 15, 2008 to November 15, 2008.
2. During this period, implement “No Stopping Anytime” on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street.
3. During this period, remove the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street.

4. During this period, remove the existing “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Sat., Sun. and public holidays” regulation on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street.
5. Return Eastern Avenue to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Lisa Schimp, Project Coordinator, Cooper Construction Limited, for a temporary sidewalk and curb lane closure on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street, 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 2 months and needs Toronto and East York Community Council’s approval.

COMMENTS

Eastern Avenue, between a point 25 metres east of Lewis Street and a point 82.8 metres east of Lewis Street, operates two-way with two lanes in each direction. There is a “No Parking Anytime” restriction on both sides of the street, a “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays” restriction on the north side and a “No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays” restriction on the south side of the street. The T.T.C. No. 143 Express bus route uses this portion of Eastern Avenue.

Reason for the partial road closure

Developing this property involves the construction of a five-storey building right behind the existing public sidewalk. The applicant needs a construction staging area within the public sidewalk on the north side of Eastern Avenue. The westbound curb lane will be closed so a temporary walkway can be provided for pedestrians around the construction staging area.

Advisory signs will be posted in advance of the lane closure to notify road users.

The south sidewalk on Eastern Avenue is not affected by this proposal.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421F-9322, dated June 2008

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