



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Extension of Closure Duration – Grenville Street and Grosvenor Street

Date:	September 16, 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 Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

H & R Developments is building a 34-storey and 41-storey condominium at 825 Bay Street, between Grenville Street and Grosvenor Street. They need to continue to keep the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the north side of Grenville Street, the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the south side of Grosvenor Street, and the north half of the public laneway closed east of Bay Street, between Grenville Street and Grosvenor Street, 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 sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Grenville Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, until April 30, 2009.
2. Continue to close the sidewalk and curb lane on the south side of Grosvenor Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, until April 30, 2009.
3. Continue to close the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grosvenor Street and a point 43 metres south of Grosvenor Street to vehicular traffic until April 30, 2009.

4. Return Grenville Street, Grosvenor Street and the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grosvenor Street and a point 43 metres south of Grosvenor Street to their pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. H & R Developments will bear the costs.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of September 28, 29 and 30, 2005, in considering Clause No. 62 of Report No. 7 of the Toronto and East York Community Council, among other things, approved the closure of the sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Grenville Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, the closure of the sidewalk and curb lane on the south side of Grosvenor Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, and the closure of the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grenville Street and Grosvenor Street, to set up a staging area to build a 34-storey and 41-storey condominium at 825 Bay Street.

City Council, at its meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, in considering Clause No. 54 of Report No. 7 of the Toronto and East York Community Council, among other things, approved the expansion of the existing sidewalk and curb lane closure on the north side of Grenville Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, and rescinded the approval of the closure of the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grenville Street and a point 44.5 metres north of Grenville Street to vehicular traffic, to improve safety for the staging area set up on Grenville Street to build the 34-storey condominium at the south end of the site at 825 Bay Street.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a letter from H & R Developments advising that they need to keep the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the north side of Grenville Street, the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the south side of Grosvenor Street, and the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grosvenor Street and a point 43 metres south of Grosvenor Street closed to vehicular traffic because the building is not yet complete. The closure was originally scheduled to end on November 30, 2008. They have requested the closure to continue until April 30, 2009. 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 9 months and needs Toronto and East York Community Council's approval.

COMMENTS

Grenville Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, is approximately 12.2 metres wide and operates two-way with one traffic lane in each direction. There are no TTC routes on Grenville Street. Two-way traffic will continue to be maintained for the duration of construction.

Grosvenor Street, between Bay Street and a point 48 metres east of Bay Street, is approximately 10.4 metres wide and operates two-way with one traffic lane in each direction. There are no TTC routes on Grosvenor Street. Two-way traffic will continue to be maintained for the duration of construction.

The public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grosvenor Street and a point 43 metres south of Grosvenor Street, is 5.5 metres wide. It will continue being closed to vehicular traffic, however a pedestrian walkway will continue to be maintained.

Reasons for the partial road closure

H & R Developments has advised us that, due to delays in construction, they need to keep the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the north side of Grenville Street, the sidewalk and curb lane closed on the south side of Grosvenor Street, and the public laneway east of Bay Street, between Grosvenor Street and a point 43 metres south of Grosvenor Street closed to vehicular traffic until April 30, 2009, when the development will be complete. Pedestrians will continue to be diverted into temporary walkways beside the construction staging areas on Grenville Street, Grosvenor Street, and the public laneway at the rear of the site.

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