



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Extension of Sidewalk and Laneway Closure Duration –
Berti Street**

Date:	April 27, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
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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.

Bird Construction Company is building a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East, on the northeast corner of Richmond Street East and Berti Street. They need to continue to close the east sidewalk on Berti Street to pedestrian traffic and the public laneway north of Richmond Street East to pedestrian and vehicular traffic in order to complete construction.

Bird Construction Company also needs to continue to close the north curb lane on Richmond Street East. This matter is dealt with in a companion report “Extension of Temporary Curb Lane Closure Duration – Richmond Street East” requiring City Council approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Continue to close the east sidewalk on Berti Street, between Richmond Street East and the public laneway north of Richmond Street East, to pedestrian traffic, to September 6, 2009.

2. Continue to close the public laneway north of Richmond Street East, between Berti Street and the east property limit of 60 Richmond Street East, to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, to September 6, 2009.

Financial Impact

This development is being undertaken by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and is not subject to permit fees per Council's exemption policies for non-profit housing. Therefore, the typical fees for occupying the public right-of-way will not be charged. There are no costs for this project that will impact the Current Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council, at its meeting of September 26 and 27, 2007, in considering Item TE8.103, among other things, approved the closure of the east sidewalk on Berti Street, between Richmond Street East and the east/west laneway north of Richmond Street East, and the closure of the laneway running east from Berti Street, north of Richmond Street East, between Berti Street and the east property limit of Premises No. 60 Richmond Street East, to set up a staging area to construct a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a letter from Bird Construction Company advising that they need to keep the east sidewalk on Berti Street and the public laneway north of Richmond Street closed because the construction activity is not yet complete. They have requested the closure to be extended from November 30, 2008 to September 6, 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 an additional 9 months and needs Toronto and East York Community Council's approval.

COMMENTS

Berti Street is a 6.7 metre wide local street that runs from Richmond Street East to Queen Street East. A public laneway intersects Berti Street midway and runs east to Church Street. Berti Street operates two-way south of the laneway, and one-way northbound north of the laneway. There is a Toronto EMS station on the west side of Berti Street at Richmond Street. There is no TTC service on Berti Street.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Bird Construction Company has advised us that, due to delays in the project, they need to keep the east sidewalk on Berti Street and the public laneway north of Richmond Street closed until September 6, 2009, when the work will be complete.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9643, dated April, 2009

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