

May 13, 2009

Chair and Members
Toronto and East York Community Council

Dear Chair and Members:

Re: College Street Clearway

With the reconstruction of College Street that began in 2005 the local community in this area developed a vision for an enhanced public realm.

A critical element of this vision is the creation of a pedestrian clearway which will be created by relocating restaurant and café patios to the curb side. This pilot project is limited in scope and would only apply to the portion of College Street between Bathurst to the west to Augusta Avenue on the south east side and Major Street on the north east side.

In order to accomplish this in a way that is fair and sustainable to College Street business operators several changes in Provincial policy are required.

My office has been working with representatives of several ministries and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission on the policy changes required, however we have been advised that these changes can not come into force until the 2010 patio season. I have attached a letter from Minister McMeekin confirming support for this initiative.

In order to allow businesses on College to operate patios for the 2009 patio season, I respectfully request your support for the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. All existing café and marketing permits for locations within the College Street Revitalization Project – Pedestrian Clearway Pilot area be renewed for the 2009/2010 season;



2. All new café and marketing permits for locations within the College Street Revitalization Project – Pedestrian Clearway Pilot area be required to comply with the provisions of former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313, Section 313-36 J (1) as amended, which requires that all cafés on College Street between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street to be only at curb side at a distance of 0.8 metres back of the curb;
3. Municipal Licensing and Standards continue to monitor any curb side operation during the 2009/2010 café and marketing season; and
4. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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