



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Relocate Pedestrian Crossover - Shuter Street, west side of Ontario Street

<b>Date:</b>	August 24, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09140te.top.doc

#### SUMMARY

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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 to relocate the pedestrian crossover (PXO) from the west side of Ontario Street to the east side of Ontario Street.

The relocation of the PXO will improve the location of pedestrian pushbuttons and as such, the pedestrian crossing environment in general.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Remove the existing PXO located on Shuter Street, on the west side of Ontario Street.
2. Designate a PXO on Shuter Street, on the east side of Ontario Street.
3. Prohibit Stopping on the north side of Shuter Street, from Ontario Street to a point 18.6 metres east of Ontario Street.

## Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget	\$3000.00

## DECISION HISTORY

The former City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of October 23, 1968 (Report 19, Clause 1), approved among other items a PXO on Shuter Street at Ontario Street. The PXO was installed to improve safety for pedestrians given the volume of traffic on Shuter Street.

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services reviewed the feasibility of relocating the PXO located on Shuter Street, on the west side of Ontario Street, to the east side of Ontario Street.

## COMMENTS

Shuter Street, between Seaton Street and Berkeley Street, is a two-way two lane minor arterial road with parking and bicycle lanes on both sides. The TTC does not operate service on this section of Shuter Street.

The PXO is located on the west side of Ontario Street. The poles, which the pushbuttons are currently located on, are set far back from the curb and difficult to find for pedestrians wishing to cross the street. A residential driveway located on the northwest corner of Shuter Street and Ontario Street precludes us from installing a pole base closer to the curb. There are two existing poles located on the east side of Ontario that would provide adequate pushbutton locations if the PXO were to be relocated.

Relocation of the PXO to the east side of Ontario Street may result in the loss of one on-street parking space on the north side of Shuter Street.

City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of September 25, 26, and 27, 2006 (Report 6, Clause 8), approved, among other things, a number of pedestrian crossover enhancements including an increase in the length of the No Stopping zone from within 9 metres of the crosswalk to within 15 metres on the approach side of the crosswalk. This change will result in the removal of one further on-street parking space on the north side of Shuter Street.

Collision statistics provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year plus period between January 1, 2006 and May 30, 2009 disclosed that 2 collisions have been reported on Shuter Street in the vicinity of Ontario Street. None of these collisions involved a pedestrian.

Notwithstanding the loss of 1 or 2 on-street parking spaces and the safety record of the PXO, it should be relocated to the east side of Ontario Street in order to improve the pedestrian crossing environment.

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(1) Drawing No. 421F-9760, dated August 2009

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