



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Lane and Sidewalk Closure – Richmond Street East

Date:	August 25, 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

Empire Communities are constructing a 12-storey condominium building at 101 Sherbourne Street, on the north-east corner of Sherbourne Street and Richmond Street East. Transportation Services has been requested to close the sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Richmond Street for 30 months to facilitate construction

As part of this same condominium project, Transportation Services has been requested to close a lane and sidewalk on the east side of Sherbourne Street and a portion of McFarrens Lane. This issue is dealt with in a separate report “Lane and Sidewalk Closure – Sherbourne Street”, which requires City Council approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve the following actions:

1. The closure of the sidewalk and curb lane on the north side of Richmond Street East, between Sherbourne Street and a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street, from October 4, 2009 to March 31, 2012.
2. A “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the north side of Richmond Street East, between Sherbourne Street and a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street.
3. The removal of the existing “No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays” regulation on the north side of Richmond Street East, between Sherbourne Street a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street.

4. The removal of the existing “No Parking, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except Public Holidays” regulation on the north side of Richmond Street East, between Sherbourne Street a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street.
5. Return Richmond Street East to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations when the project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Empire Communities will bear the costs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Empire Communities for a temporary sidewalk and lane closure on the north of Richmond Street East, between Sherbourne Street a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street, to use as a construction staging area to construct a condominium building.. 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 30 months and needs City Council’s approval.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street, between Sherbourne Street and a point 39.7 metres east of Sherbourne Street, is 14.6 metres wide and operates one-way westbound. There are existing “No Parking” and “No Stopping” regulations on both sides of the street. The T.T.C. operates the 143 Downtown/Beach Express and the Downtown/Don Valley Express bus routes on Richmond Street. The proposed construction staging area will close the north sidewalk and curb lane to provide a pedestrian walkway on the north side of the street. Richmond Street East will be reduced from four lanes of traffic to three lanes approaching Sherbourne Street.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Developing this property requires the excavation of the entire site. The applicant needs a construction staging area within the road allowance on the north side of Richmond Street East. Pedestrians will be redirected to a temporary walkway beside the construction staging area in the north curb lane of Richmond Street East. There will be no impact on the existing parking on the south side of the street.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9766, dated August 2009

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