



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Sidewalk and Partial Lane Closure – Bathurst Street

Date:	July 28, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts10141te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Tucker Hi-Rise Construction Incorporated is building a two-tower (sixteen and ten storey) condominium at 650 King Street West, on the north side of King Street West between Bathurst Street and Portland Street and flanking on the east side of Bathurst Street between King Street West and Adelaide Street West. To enable construction of this development it is necessary to close a section of the east sidewalk and narrow the east curb lane of Bathurst Street, from a point 20.5 metres north of King Street West to a point 42.5 metres further north for a period of 19 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the closure of the east sidewalk and narrowing of the east curb lane on Bathurst Street, from a point 20.5 metres north of King Street West to a point 42.5 metres further north, from August 1, 2010, to Feb 29, 2012, as shown on the print of Drawing No. 421G-0125 attached to the report dated July 28, 2010 entitled, “Sidewalk and Partial Lane Closure – Bathurst Street”, from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District.
2. In conjunction with Recommendation 1 above, City Council approve the following amendments to parking regulations:
 - a. Rescind the “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays” regulation on the east side of Bathurst Street between Front Street West and a point 30.5 metres north of King Street West;

- b. Rescind the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Bathurst Street from a point 30.5 metres north of King Street West to a point 27.5 metres further north;
 - c. Implement a “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday except Public Holidays” regulation on the east side of Bathurst Street, from Front Street West to King Street West;
 - d. Implement a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on the east side of Bathurst Street, from King Street West to a point 58.0 metres north.
3. City Council authorize Transportation Services to submit the necessary Bills to revert Bathurst Street to its pre-construction lane configuration and parking regulations when the construction project is completed.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Tucker Hi-Rise Construction Incorporated will bear the costs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received an application from Tucker Hi-Rise Construction Incorporated to temporarily close the east sidewalk and narrow a portion of the east curb lane on Bathurst Street from a point 20.5 metres north of King Street West to a point 42.5 metres further north, to provide a construction staging area required to construct this development. 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 19 months and needs City Council’s approval.

COMMENTS

Bathurst Street, between King Street West and Adelaide Street West is 18.1 metres wide and operates two-way with two lanes in each direction. TTC operates streetcar service in both directions in the median lanes. There is an existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of the street fronting the proposed lane narrowing.

If the construction staging area is approved, the east sidewalk will be closed and the east curb lane on Bathurst Street will be narrowed from a width of 5.85 metres to a width of 3.85 metres. Pedestrians will be redirected into a temporary walkway beside the construction staging area. The remaining curb lane width is sufficient to maintain traffic in the curb lane and therefore two lanes of traffic at all times in each direction on Bathurst Street. To enhance traffic operation in the narrowed curb lane it is recommended that stopping be prohibited at all times along the narrowed section of the curb lane. Recommendation 2 above outlines the regulatory amendments required to enact this change in the parking regulations.

The impacts of this proposal on general traffic flow and TTC streetcar operations are minimal. TTC staff was consulted and have no objections to this proposal.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Developing this property requires excavating the entire site to a depth of 11.5 metres. The applicant requires a construction staging area within the road allowance on the east side of Bathurst Street to facilitate this work.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Drawing No. 421G-0125 - dated July 2010

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