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STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Ryerson University and University of Toronto Pedestrian Zone Pilot Projects

Date:	July 29, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20 and Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

At its meeting of September 15, 2009, TEYCC directed Transportation Services to consult with Ryerson University and University of Toronto respectively on the feasibility of closing streets to vehicular traffic to implement a pilot pedestrian street project, and report back on the results of the pilot project in the third quarter of 2010. Due to a variety of factors including proposed water main and on-campus construction projects, the pilot pedestrian zones have been delayed and this report is seeking authority from Toronto and East York Community Council to extend permission for the two pilot pedestrian projects, with a report back on the results of the pilot project in the fourth quarter of 2011. In order to effect the pedestrian projects, this report is seeking authority from Toronto and East York Community Council to close a portion of Gould Street, Victoria Street, Willcocks Street, and Devonshire Place from vehicular traffic, with the exception of emergency vehicles, for approximately 12 months to accommodate the Pedestrian Zone Pilot Projects at Ryerson University and the University of Toronto. Lastly, this report is seeking authority from Toronto and East York Community Council to enter into a maintenance agreement for the duration of the pilot project which will outline the roles and responsibilities of the city and the respective universities as to the maintenance of the street, garbage removal and placement of street furniture.

Staff are continuing to work on details of the full report which will be available for the August 17, 2010 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

SIGNATURE

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