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Margaret Sexton - Re: Deer Park Residents Group - Comments for 2015.TE3.97 on February 10, 2015
City Council

From: John Taranu <[REDACTED]>
To: <clerk@toronto.ca>
Date: 02/08/2015 9:46 PM
Subject: Re: Deer Park Residents Group - Comments for 2015.TE3.97 on February 10, 2015 City Council
Attachments: DPRG_Letter_re_Yonge_St_Parking_2015-02-05.pdf

On Sun, Feb 8, 2015 at 9:40 PM, John Taranu <john.taranu@gmail.com> wrote:
To the City Clerk:

Please add the attached letter from the Deer Park Residents Group to the agenda for the February 10, 2015 City Council meeting on item 2015.TE3.97, Parking Amendments - Yonge Street Between Crescent Road and Woodlawn Avenue

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

John Taranu
Secretary, **Deer Park Residents Group**
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On behalf of

Martin Myers
President, **Deer Park Residents Group**



Deer Park Residents Group

February 5, 2014

To: Councillor Josh Matlow, Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, Mayor John Tory

We are surprised to see the installation of on-street parking on Yonge St between Crescent Rd and the CPR tracks, as approved by motion [2013.TE25.79](#) and amended by [2015.TE3.96](#) and [2015.TE3.97](#). We oppose this new parking and request that it be rescinded immediately.

We find the study by Transportation Services to be limited in scope. The study did not examine the existing usage of the numerous off-street parking lots or garages in the area. Those parking lots are not at capacity during the day or evening. There has not been any parking on Yonge St for the past 50 years - there's no reason to believe it is much needed now.

Additionally, the TS report disregarded numerous additional considerations. Winter snow maintenance was not considered at all - this is especially important as this section of Yonge has several grades. The impact on auto traffic was not explored in any depth. On Saturday November 29th, during the Rosedale BIA street fair, the roadway was reduced to one lane and traffic backed up beyond the St. Clair intersection. Neither was the impact on the dozens of TTC shuttle buses running on Yonge St during the regular weekend-long TTC subway shutdowns scheduled for the next five years. There is a small fire station on Balmoral Avenue, but the impact on emergency services was not investigated. Finally, the impact on cycling and pedestrian safety does not appear to have been considered at all. Research shows that major roads with car parking present the highest injury risk to cyclists, about 60% higher than on major roads with no parked cars.

We are disappointed to see there was virtually no consultation with the surrounding community or the users of this section of Yonge. Unlike many other streets in the city, there are no nearby parallel routes - Avenue Rd is 700m to the west, with very few connecting streets in between.

Yonge Street is more than a neighbourhood street. It is a major avenue and our connection to downtown Toronto. We request that you rescind this parking and only allow it to be reinstalled if it can be proven that it will not have any negative impacts on the users of Yonge St.

Dr. Martin Myers
President,
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