



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Temporary Delegation to the General Manager, Transportation Services to Approve Road Closures Up to and Including 90 days for the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown Project

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To:	Public Works and Infrastructure
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	Wards 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, 34, 35, 37
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SUMMARY

At the conclusion of the City Council meeting scheduled for July 7th and 8th, 2015, City Council will be recessing until its meeting of September 30th and October 1st, 2015 and the various Community Councils will be recessing until September 2015.

During that period, it is likely that it will be necessary to authorize temporary road closures in excess of 30 days in support of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown project.

The purpose of this report is to delegate temporary authority during the Community Council and Council recess to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic any highway or portion of highway up to and including 90 days in support of the construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, during the period between the completion of the scheduled July 7 and 8 City Council Meeting and the agenda closing date in August or September 2015 for the appropriate Community Council or Standing Committee, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic any highway or portion of a highway for a period up to and including 90 days as required for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown Project.
2. City Council requests the General Manager, Transportation Services to submit a status report to the relevant Community Council or Committee on the use of this delegated authority during the summer recess.
3. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

Financial Impact

There are no funding implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 937-2 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, the General Manager, Transportation Services, is currently able to close any highway or part of a highway for a period up to and including 30 days for construction work privately initiated (other than by a utility company with statutory rights or a municipal access agreement with the City allowing occupancy).

This authorization is subject to the limitation that closures of certain roads, such as the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, the Don Valley Parkway, the W.R. Allen Road, Black Creek Drive or Highway 27, require Council approval.

Further, the authority of the General Manager, Transportation Services, under Section 937-2 is further limited by the requirement in Section 937-5 that the General Manager, prior to authorizing the closure, notify the local Ward Councillor, who may require that the matter be reported to the appropriate community council for final decision under delegated authority or for recommendation to Council for final decision.

Metrolinx is currently undertaking construction activities in support of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT Project. In order to carry out these works, lane closures in excess of 30 days and up to and including 90 days may be necessary. The General Manager, Transportation Services, is requesting delegated authority during Community Council and Council's summer recess to temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic any highway or portion of highway, with the exception of those listed in Section 937-4 which require Council approval, for a period up to and including 90 days for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown Project in order to avoid project delays.

As with the other authority delegated to the General Manager of Transportation Services under the Code Chapter, this would be subject to the requirement that the Ward Councillor be notified of the impending closure and given the ability to require that a report be submitted to the appropriate Community Council or Standing Committee for recommendation to Council for final decision.

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