

Installation of three-way traffic stop light at the corner of Princes' Boulevard and Newfoundland Drive

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To: The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place
From: Dianne Young, Chief Executive Officer
Wards: Wards 14 & 19

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to authorize the installation of a traffic stop light at the three-way intersection of Princes' Boulevard and Newfoundland Drive (see sketch attached as Appendix A) subject to consent from City Council including any required amendments to the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 Traffic and Parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the Board:

1. Authorize the installation of a traffic stop light at the three-way intersection of Princes' Boulevard and Newfoundland Drive, subject to City Council approval; and
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the City's General Manager, Transportation Services to seek City Council's approval for the installation of the traffic control signal set out in recommendation 1 and to amend Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no negative financial implications of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The Exhibition Place 2017 - 2019 Strategic Plan has a Safety and Security Goal to continue the high-level focus on securing the environment for all employees, guests and

assets and the Strategy to support that Goal to implement a comprehensive safety program focused on our guests, property and assets to reduce claims in all categories.

COMMENTS

In 2015, Exhibition Place engaged WSP Global Inc. to conduct a parking/traffic management study of the property. At the time of the study, prior to the changes at Ontario Place and the construction of the Hotel, a traffic light was installed on Princes' Blvd. and Nova Scotia/Nunavut. This traffic light created a three way stop intersection to allow for safe pedestrian crossing from the GO Train Station / Liberty Village underpass to Ontario Place and also safe pedestrian access from the major parking lots south of Princes' Boulevard across to the Enercare Centre.

With the opening of Hotel X in the Fall 2017, there will exist a new pedestrian crossing risk at the intersection of Newfoundland Drive and Princes' Boulevard for the following reasons:

- Event attendees / exhibitors / meeting planners for both Beanfield Centre and Enercare Centre will be staying at Hotel X
- Hotel X will have 400 underground parking stalls that will be publicly available and likely will be attractive for show attendees to use when visiting Enercare Centre or Beanfield Centre
- Hotel X will be offering public amenities on its north / west side (ie Starbucks, public restaurants) that will be attractive to visitors to Enercare Centre
- With the opening of Hotel X, it is expected that demand and bookings at Beanfield Centre will increase over time

Princes' Boulevard is a main thoroughfare on the grounds and as traffic congestion increases on Lakeshore Boulevard, it is also heavily used and has become an integral traffic link from the Lakeshore to Strachan Avenue and beyond as shown in the 2015 parking and access study by WSP Canada Inc. A new stop light at Princes' Boulevard and Newfoundland Drive would facilitate an opportunity for a pedestrian safe crossing right of way, while controlling traffic on the east and west directions of Princes' Boulevard.

Prior to installing a traffic light, Council approval must be obtained Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking must be amended. Following approval of the amendment, Exhibition Place will work with City Transportation to develop an implementation plan for this traffic light in early 2018. The 2018 Capital Budget includes the necessary budget to implement this recommendation.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" - Sketch showing location of the proposed traffic stop light

Appendix "A"

