

Leaside Property Owners' Association, Inc.

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Re.: PW30.7: Traffic Control Signals at Bayview Avenue and Davisville Avenue

The matter is on your committee's 12 June Agenda.

Dear Committee Members:

The Leaside Property Owners' Association, Inc. (LPOA) has serious concerns regarding the Staff recommendation to implement new traffic control signals at the intersection of Bayview Avenue and Davisville Avenue.

Our position is that installing traffic lights there will cause a number of problems:

— The Davisville Avenue intersection is too close to the traffic lights on Bayview at Millwood Road. If installed, a traffic signal will cause both northbound and southbound traffic buildup on Bayview, blocking cross streets, even if both sets of lights were to be in some way synchronized.

— Due to reduced north/south traffic flow and capacity on Bayview, frustrated drivers are likely to turn instead into residential side streets in an attempt to bypass both Davisville and Millwood intersections.

— Installing a traffic light at Bayview/Davisville will reduce on-street parking spaces on Bayview by at least 13. There is already a shortage of parking availability for the Bayview shopping strip, and a new traffic light at Davisville will further restrict customer access and harm local businesses.

Also, if the rationale has been to facilitate TTC buses making left turns into/out of Davisville at Bayview, our observation is that buses are rarely delayed by more than 15-20 seconds at present, and traffic lights there will hardly reduce this delay, if there is any reduction at all.

We note that Staff estimates the cost of installation at \$200,000, with an additional annual revenue loss of \$121,933 due to removal of the pay-and-display spaces on Bayview Avenue.

The LPOA asks you to vote against installation of this unwanted and unnecessary traffic light.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Carol Burtin Fripp,
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