

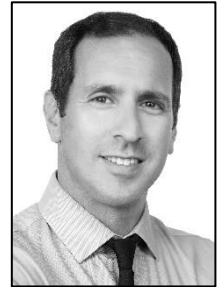


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Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
100 Queen St W
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Re: Item PW30.7 – Traffic Control Signals – Bayview and Davisville Avenue

Dear Chair and Members,

As the local councillor for the west side of Bayview in Ward 22, I have heard ongoing safety concerns from area residents regarding this T-intersection. Currently the intersection is controlled only by a stop sign for traffic turning either north or south on to Bayview Avenue. When stopped at the stop line, the sightlines are challenging for drivers, who must then creep up in to the intersection to find a gap in traffic. As a result it has been increasingly difficult for pedestrians to cross Davisville. I have met on site with transportation services staff and local residents on several occasions, and we have considered several options to help make this intersection safer. This included steps to improve the sightline for drivers and to make the stop bar and stop sign more visible. These steps have not been effective in preventing cars rolling through stops signs and blocking the crossing area for pedestrians.

A petition with over 300 signatures was submitted to transportation services staff last year, asking that they investigate the feasibility of installing traffic lights at this intersection to protect the many seniors, young families and every pedestrian using this busy intersection.

Transportation Services staff has reported back that the warrants for a traffic signal have been met, and it will help enhance safety for pedestrians and drivers using this intersection. As noted in the petition that was sent to the city, this intersection is used by many residents in the community. It is used by residents to walk to the various shops on Bayview as part of the Bayview-Leaside BIA. While the majority of the sparking spaces that will be lost are outside of the BIA boundary, I have discussed this with the owner of the ValuMart, where two on-street spaces would be removed and he is supportive of this proposal. I have also discussed the issue of the loss of on street parking with the Chair of the BIA, and I am happy to work with him to look for opportunities to add more spaces along the BIA strip.

While staff noted there may be more side street traffic on Davisville Avenue due to the lights in the area – they have not suggested that there will be any additional traffic infiltration to other residential

streets in the area. I have heard from drivers that this intersection is confusing and pedestrians observe that drivers rarely stop at the stop bar in order to find a sight line, and very often nervously have to “play frogger” between cars to cross the street.

Thank you for your support of this important step to enhancing safety for both pedestrians and drivers in our community.

Sincerely,

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