

Metrolinx Projects: Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, Yonge North Subway Extension and Ontario Line – Temporary Delegation for Long-term Road Closures

Amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways Chapter 27, Council Procedures

Toronto City Council will be considering recommendations to pass a by-law to amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways Chapter 27, Council Procedures in order to authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days, but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, as required for the purpose of construction of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, Yonge North Subway Extension and Ontario Line projects.

It is proposed that the by-law be adopted at the Council meeting to be held on February 2 and 3, 2021 or at a subsequent meeting.

The report from the General Manager, Transportation Services, titled "Metrolinx Projects: Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, Yonge North Subway Extension and Ontario Line – Temporary Delegation for Long-term Road Closures" has the following recommendations:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, until December 31, 2030, inclusive, the authority to temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, with the exception of those highways listed in Section 937-4 of Chapter 937, as required for the purpose of the construction of Ontario Line and City Council exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.
2. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, until December 31, 2030, inclusive, the authority to temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, with the exception of those highways listed in Section 937-4 of Chapter 937, as required for the purpose of the construction of Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and City Council exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.
3. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, until

December 31, 2030, inclusive, the authority to temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, with the exception of those highways listed in Section 937-4 of Chapter 937, as required for the purpose of the construction of Yonge North Subway Extension and City Council exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out this delegated authority from Section 937-5 of Chapter 937, that being the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.

4. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 27, Council Procedures, to provide that the current delegation to Community Council to temporarily close local roads, collector roads, and minor arterial roads does not include closures delegated to the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out the authority in Parts 1, 2 and 3 above.

5. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to request Metrolinx to expand its use of a 24 hour, 7 days a week hotline to accept and track complaints and reports of issues associated with the Ontario Line, Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and Yonge North Subway projects.

6. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to work with Metrolinx to provide details of long-term road occupancy permits to the public on project websites, consistent with current practices deployed on the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit, Finch West Light Rail Transit and GO Expansion projects.

7. City Council direct that the traffic lanes and sidewalks be reopened when the projects are complete.

If approved by City Council, City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways Chapter 27, Council Procedures will require amendment.

At its meeting to be held virtually on January 11, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee of Toronto City Council will hear in person, or by his or her counsel, agent or solicitor, any person who wishes to speak to the matter.

To view or obtain a copy of the report that outlines the related amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways Chapter 27, Council Procedures visit the City's website at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/decisionBodyProfile.do?function=doPrepare&meetingId=17064#Meeting-2020.IE11> on January 4, 2021.

To submit comments or make a presentation to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on January 11, 2021, please contact the Committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on January 10, 2021:

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Any comments received after the Committee meeting will be forwarded to Council.

While the staff report sets out proposed changes, the Committee and/or City Council may make amendments from the recommendations set out in the report.

If this matter is postponed at the Committee meeting or Council meeting or considered at a subsequent Committee or Council meeting, no additional notice will be provided other than the information on the subsequent Committee or Council agenda. Please contact the above City officials if you require notice in these cases.

The Infrastructure and Environment Committee will make its final recommendations on January 11, 2021 which will be forwarded to City Council at its meeting on February 2 and 3, 2021.

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Dated at the City of Toronto this 18th day of December 2020.

John Elvidge
City Clerk