TORONTO Member Motion

City Council

MM3.12	ACTION			Ward: 23

Lane and Sidewalk Closure: Sheppard Avenue East - by Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

**** * This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.***

Recommendations

Councillor John Filion, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc recommends that:

1. City Council close the sidewalk on the south side of Sheppard Avenue East and the southerly eastbound lane between Yonge Street and a point 90 metres east, from February 2010 to May 2013.

2. City Council designate the southerly eastbound lane on Sheppard Avenue West from Yonge Street to a point 60 metres west as a Right Turn Only lane, Buses Excepted.

3. City Council prohibit northbound left turns from the driveway of 33 and 35 Sheppard Avenue East, located 95 metres east of Yonge Street.

4. City Council direct that Sheppard Avenue be returned to its pre-construction state at the completion of the project.

5. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill to give effect to these recommendations.

Summary

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Sheppard Avenue, City Council must provide final approval.

Tridel Development Group is constructing two commercial/residential high-rise buildings at 4759 and 4789 Yonge Street, located on the south-east corner of Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue. In order to accommodate the relocation of underground utilities, and avoid damaging the subway structure, the existing sidewalk on the south side of Sheppard Avenue has to be temporary closed during construction.

Despite all appropriate signs posted to detour and warn pedestrians of the sidewalk closure, observations by staff has indicated that pedestrians are consistently walking onto the travel portion of the eastbound curb lane on Sheppard Avenue East at this location, which is creating

a hazardous situation for pedestrians around the construction area.

For this reason, approval of the closure of sidewalk and the southerly eastbound lane on Sheppard Avenue East, from Yonge Street to a point 90 metres east for approximately 28 months is required. A temporary covered walkway will be constructed on the southerly eastbound lane, to provide a safe walkway for pedestrians around the construction site. As the safety of pedestrians is paramount, this matter requires immediate attention by City Council, so that the situation can be rectified as soon as possible.

In order to properly manage traffic for this lane closure, the southerly eastbound lane on Sheppard Avenue West approaching Yonge Street will need to be designated as a Right Turn Only lane, as well, left turn movement onto Sheppard Avenue from the shared driveway at 33 & 35 Sheppard Avenue East (approximately 95 metres east of Yonge Street) will need to be restricted, due to insufficient sight line to view on-coming eastbound traffic on Sheppard Avenue East.

All costs associated with the sidewalk and lane closures will be borne by Tridel Development Group.

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