Road Alteration – Crescent Road

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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to alter the roadway on both sides of Crescent Road, approximately 70 metres east of Yonge Street.

The proposed road alterations will allow for the installation of a decorative pillar on each side of the roadway on Crescent Road and will mark the entrance way into the neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the road and sidewalk alterations on Crescent Road, east of Yonge Street, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0815, dated August 2012, attached to the report entitled "Road Alteration – Crescent Road" from the Acting Director of Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, dated August 22, 2012.

2. City Council approve the installation of the "Gates to South Rosedale" pillars subject to the South Rosedale Ratepayers’ Association entering into an encroachment agreement with the City of Toronto, agreeing but not limited to the following:

   (a) Indemnify the City from and against all actions, suits, claims or demands from all loss, costs, damages, and expenses that may result from such permission granted and providing an insurance policy for such liability for the lifetime of the Agreement in a form as approved by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and in an amount not less than $2,000,000 or
such greater amount as the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer may require;

(b) Pay for the costs of preparing the agreement and the registration of the agreement on title;

(c) Remove the pillars and restore the roadway to its original condition upon receiving 90 days written notice to do so; and

(d) Accept such additional conditions as the City Solicitor or the General Manager of Transportation Services may deem necessary in the interest of the City.

3. Request Legal Services to prepare and execute the Encroachment Agreement.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts to the City. All costs associated with the road alterations and the installation of the "Gates to South Rosedale" pillars on Crescent Road will be funded through a private donation of $100,000.00.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In October 2011, the President of the South Rosedale Ratepayer's Association, on behalf of a local resident Mr. Ray Cowling, contacted Councillor Wong-Tam regarding a proposal defining the boundary between the commercial and residential sections of Crescent Road by the installation of a decorative pillar on each side of the roadway.

Mr. Ray Cowling has been working with the South Rosedale Ratepayer's Association for a number of years to have the "Gates to South Rosedale" installed.

COMMENTS

Crescent Road is a two-way local roadway with a pavement width that varies between 6.5 metres and 13.6 metres. The 82 TTC bus operates on Crescent Road. In general, parking is prohibited at all times on both sides on this section of Crescent Road.

There is an existing bridge on this section of Crescent Road that spans the subway tracks. The first section of Crescent Road, just east of Yonge Street, has a roadway width ranging between 13.4 metres and 13.6 metres. It tapers down to a width of 6.5 metres immediately east of the bridge.

Transportation Services provided the South Rosedale Ratepayer's Association with a number of detailed drawings, including the identification of potential locations for the proposed "Gateway" pillars and the ability to extend the curbs on either side of Crescent Road, just beyond the eastern end of the bridge. After careful deliberation, a design was finally chosen that could accommodate the proposed "Gateway" pillars at a specified location without fronting or affecting residential properties, generally as shown on attached Drawing No. 421G-0815.
Transportation Services staff are working with the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association to finalize the design of the decorative pillars. However, there will be one pillar on each side of the road, and generally have a maximum width of 1.0 metre square and have a maximum height of 2.5 metres.

The proposed road alterations and "Gateway" pillars will not impact traffic patterns or obstruct sightlines and will provide a defined entrance way into this community.

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**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0815, dated August 2012

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