



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Road Alteration - Eastern Avenue

<b>Date:</b>	December 13, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2013016te.top.doc

### SUMMARY

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In April, 2011 City Council authorized the issuance of a Notice of Study Completion for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment entitled "Eastern Avenue at TTC Russell Yard – Road Reconfiguration Study". The approved design for Eastern Avenue, adjacent to the TTC Russell Yard, consists of one lane of traffic in each direction and the addition of a sidewalk on the north side of the street.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to introduce road alteration by-laws and amendments to traffic regulations on Eastern Avenue, between a point 75 metres west of Minto Street and Woodfield Road, to allow for the reconstruction of the TTC Russell Yard.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council approve the road alteration of Eastern Avenue, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-0918, dated November 2012, attached to the December 13, 2012 report entitled "Road Alteration - Eastern Avenue", from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. City Council approve a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on both sides of Eastern Avenue, between a point 75 metres west of Minto Street and Woodfield Road.
3. City Council adjust the existing "No Stopping 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays" regulation on the north side of Eastern Avenue between Leslie Street and Coxwell Avenue, to be in effect from Leslie

Street to a point 75 metres west of Minto Street, and from Connaught Avenue to Coxwell Avenue.

4. City Council adjust the existing "No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays" regulation on the south side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 190.5 metres east of Leslie Street and Coxwell Avenue, to be in effect from a point 190.5 metres east of Leslie Street to a point 75 metres west of Minto Street, and from Connaught Avenue to Coxwell Avenue.
5. City Council adjust the existing "One-hour maximum, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking regulation on the north side of Eastern Avenue, between a point 15 metres east of Laing Street and Woodfield Road, to be in effect from a point 15 metres east of Laing Street to a point 75 metres west of Minto Street.

### **Financial Impact**

The costs associated with the proposed narrowing of Eastern Avenue are approximately \$280,000.00 and will be funded by the TTC as part of modifications to the Russell Yard.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

City Council, at its meeting of April 10 and 11, 2012 considered Item PW13.6 entitled "Eastern Avenue at TTC Russell Yard – Road Reconfiguration Study" and authorized the Acting General Manager of Transportation Services to issue a Notice of Study Completion for the reconfiguration of Eastern Avenue, between Connaught Avenue and Minto Street. The study, which was carried out under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Process, recommended that this section of Eastern Avenue be reduced to one eastbound and one westbound lane, and a sidewalk be constructed on the north side of the road. These changes were approved to facilitate access to the yard for TTC's new longer streetcars and segregate yard operations from Eastern Avenue vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Upon approval of the aforementioned study, a detailed design of the changes to Eastern Avenue has been prepared and construction is scheduled for the spring of 2013. It is necessary to obtain City Council approval of the proposed road alterations and associated parking regulation changes.

### **COMMENTS**

The TTC Russell Streetcar Yard is bounded by Queen Street East on the north side, Eastern Avenue on the south side, Minto Street on the west side and Connaught Avenue on the east side. Streetcar tracks run south from Queen Street East on Connaught Avenue, then turn west onto Eastern Avenue, where 21 switching tracks enter the yard.

The Russell Yard will house the TTC's new longer light rail vehicles. To accommodate these vehicles the TTC will be replacing its streetcar tracks on Connaught Avenue and on Eastern Avenue. As part of this work, the tracks on the north side curb lane of Eastern

Avenue must be raised closer to the elevation of the yard. This work will be commencing in the spring of 2013.

### **Proposed Road Alterations**

The necessary road alterations are detailed in Drawing No. 421F-0919, dated November 2012. We are proposing that Eastern Avenue, between a point 75 metres west of Minto Street and a point 73 metres east of Connaught Avenue, be narrowed to 8.2 metres and a sidewalk be constructed on the north side of the road. This would result in one eastbound and one westbound lane, both being 4.1 metres wide. Currently there are two lanes in each direction.

### **Parking Regulations**

The attached Drawing No. 421F-0918, dated November 2012 show the existing and proposed parking regulations for Eastern Avenue, between a point 75 metres west of Minto Street and Woodfield Road. In this area there are currently about 15 parking spaces on the north side of Eastern Avenue and 35 spaces on the south side. The proposed road alterations require a stopping prohibition on both sides of this section of Eastern Avenue, thereby eliminating all 50 parking spaces.

### **CONCLUSION**

Approval of the recommendation for road alteration by-laws, and amendments to parking regulations on Eastern Avenue, between a point 75 metres west of Minto Street and Woodfield Road, will allow for the reconstruction of the TTC Russell Yard as approved by City Council.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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Toronto and East York District

### **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-0918, dated November 2012
- (2) Drawing No. 421F-0919, dated November 2012

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