Construction Staging Area Time Extension - Yonge Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Ferncastle Front Street Inc. is constructing a 57-storey residential building at No. 8 The Esplanade, on the east side of Yonge Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street East. They need to maintain the closure of the east curb lane and sidewalk on Yonge Street in order to complete their work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve the continuation of the closure of the east curb lane and sidewalk on Yonge Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street, from July 17, 2013 to November 30, 2013.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact on the City. Ferncastle Front Street Inc. is responsible for all the costs.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of February 22 and 23, 2010, in considering Item TE31.58, among other things, approved the closure of the east curb lane and sidewalk on Yonge Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street, from February 24, 2010 to May 31, 2013.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a request from Ferncastle Front Street Inc. to maintain the closure of the east curb lane and sidewalk on Yonge Street because their
work is not complete. They have requested the closure be extended by six months from May 31, 2013 to November 30, 2013. Chapter 937-2 of the Municipal Code authorizes staff to issue road closure permits of up to 30 days for private construction. This closure will be in effect for an additional six months and needs City Council approval. Transportation Services has issued a temporary permit to allow the closure to be maintained until the issue is before City Council on July 16, 2013.

COMMENTS
Yonge Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street, currently consists of two lanes northbound and two lanes southbound. To accommodate the staging area the northbound left-turn lane at the intersection of Yonge Street and Front Street was changed to a through-left lane. Stopping is prohibited on the east side of Yonge Street in front of the staging area. TTC routes 65, 72 and 172 operate on this section of Yonge Street. To date, there have been no operational problems or concerns reported as a result of the existing lane closure.

Reasons for the partial road closure
Ferncastle Front Street Inc. has advised us that they need to continue to keep the east curb lane and sidewalk on Yonge Street closed until November 30, 2013, when the work will be complete.

Councillor McConnell has been advised about this extension.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
(1) Drawing No. 421F-9899, dated January 2010