



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Road Alteration: Grenville Street at Yonge Street

<b>Date:</b>	October 22, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 27 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2015\ClusterB\tra\pr\te15008pr

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to realign the curbs and widen the sidewalks on the north and south sides of Grenville Street adjacent from Yonge Street to approximately 70- 90 metres west. The curb realignment and sidewalk widening on the south side would be undertaken as part of the redevelopment of two separate sites (9-21 Grenville Street and 1-5 Grenville Street/454-464 Yonge Street). The curb realignment and sidewalk widening on the north side would be a City of Toronto initiated public realm improvement project.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services, Public Realm recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Approve the narrowing of the paved roadway and the curb realignment and sidewalk widening on the north and south sides of Grenville Street between Yonge Street and approximately 70-90 metres to the west (~70 metres, north side; ~90 metres, south side), generally as shown on the attached drawing dated October 2015, attached to the staff report dated October 22, 2015 and entitled, “Road Alteration: Grenville Street at Yonge Street” from the Director, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services.

2. Enact No Stopping, Anytime on the north side of Grenville Street, between Yonge Street and a point 61.7 metres east.
3. Enact No Stopping, Anytime on the south side of Grenville Street, between Yonge Street and a point 82.4 metres east.
4. Amend the metered parking, to operate on the north side between Bay Street and a point 61.7 metres east of Yonge Street.
5. Amend the metered parking, to operate on the south side between Bay Street and a point 82.4 metres east of Yonge Street.

### **Financial Impact**

The improvements on the south side of Grenville Street will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment of the properties at 9-21 Grenville Street and 1-5 Grenville Street/454-464 Yonge Street.

A Members Motion to release Section 37 funds to cover the cost of the City initiated improvements on the north side of Grenville Street will be submitted for consideration by City Council at its meeting on November 3 & 4, 2015.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting on October 24 & 25, 2011, City Council adopted recommendations to, among other things, amend Zoning By-law 438-86 to permit construction of a 46-storey mixed use on the lands at 9-21 Grenville Street.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.TE10.4>

## ISSUE BACKGROUND

The redevelopment of the two adjacent properties (9–21 Grenville Street and 1-5 Grenville Street/454-464 Yonge Street) on the south side of Grenville Street provide an opportunity to enhance the public realm by realigning the curb and widening the existing sidewalk from 2.5 metres to 2.9 metres. A complementary curb realignment and sidewalk widening on the north side of Grenville Street adjacent to 470 Yonge Street/10 Grenville and 14 Grenville Street is also planned as a City-initiated project.

## COMMENTS

Grenville Street, between Yonge Street and Bay Street is a 12.5 metre wide local road accommodating two-way traffic. The parking regulations on this section of Grenville Street are:

### North side:

- No Stopping Anytime, between Bay Street and a point 79.6 metres west of Bay Street; and
- Metered Parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between Bay Street and Yonge Street.

### South Side:

- No Stopping Anytime, between a point 7 metres east of St. Luke Lane and a point 52 metres west of St. Luke Lane, and
- Metered Parking from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, Monday to Saturday and 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Sunday, between Bay Street and Yonge Street.

The area is densely populated and, in addition to local residents, attracts a large number of visitors, as well as people commuting to work or school on a regular basis. The project area is about 100 metres from the College Subway Station and within the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area with both Yonge Street and College Street having vibrant commercial areas. The University of Toronto, St. George Campus is a short distance to the west, and Ryerson University's Mattamy Athletic Centre is a similar short distance to the east.

Realigning the curb and widening the sidewalks on the north and south sides of Grenville Street would improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience by shortening the crossing distances for pedestrian on Yonge Street and providing additional space for walking, benches and street trees. A Bike Share Station is also proposed to be located within the expanded sidewalk area on the north side of Grenville Street. Although there would be a reduction in the area available for on-street parking, the proposed future roadway width (7.0 metres) would maintain two travel lanes for automobile traffic, one lane in each direction.

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District staff have reviewed this report and concur with the recommendations. Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations in the report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Grenville St – West of Yonge St – Proposed Road Alteration Plan

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