



June 11, 2015

Toronto and East York Community Council
Attn: Ros Dyers
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RE: Proposed crosswalk at Dundas Street E and Regent Park Blvd.

Dear Ms. Dyers,

I cannot stress the importance of the cross walk at Dundas Street East and Regent Park Boulevard which was recently refused. From a health and safety perspective, it is vital to the revitalized Regent Park. Not only have I personally almost been hit by a car racing along Dundas, but members of my staff at Daniels Spectrum as well. Dundas East has become quite dangerous for pedestrians in Regent Park and this subject has become the topic of many community gatherins as a result. 'Old timers' often remark that they are in the habit of jay walking from years back when this part of Dundas saw much less vehicle traffic.

With the development of the surrounding neighbourhoods as well as the changes within Regent Park, this intersection is seeing increased traffic. Children from Nelson Mandela Park School, residents from new condos on Regent Park Boulevard and visitors to Daniels Spectrum often walk along Regent Park Boulevard and cross Dundas to get to the new park.

In addition, Daniels Spectrum works with several organizations hosting outdoor community events, programs and festivals, many of which take place on both the north and south side of Dundas at Regent Park Boulevard (e.g. Pan-American Food Festival, Sunday in the Park, etc). As the community continues to develop, we will continue to host more events of this nature, all of which would benefit greatly from a crosswalk at Dundas St East and Regent Park Boulevard.

Finally, North and South Regent have historically been divided beyond simple geography. This crosswalk would help bridge the divide and encourage people to go back and forth between North and South Regent to enjoy the upcoming Athletic Grounds, new community centres, Aquatic Centre, etc.

Please accept this letter as an indicator of our strong support for this proposed crosswalk.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seema Jethalal", written in a cursive style.

Seema Jethalal,
Managing Director, Daniels Spectrum, a cultural hub in Regent Park