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*City Councillor - Ward 38, Scarborough Centre*



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Dear Chair and Members of Scarborough Community Council:

Please accept this letter as my request for the reconfiguration and improvements to the two intersections of Ellesmere Rd at Borough Approach West and at Borough Approach East.

I am asking for your support for the following motion:

The General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to undertake the design and cost estimate of the reconfiguration of the Ellesmere Road/Borough Approach East and Ellesmere Road/Borough Approach West intersections, as reflected in the Scarborough Centre – Public Space and Streetscape Master Plan, and include the estimated cost of these improvements, including the installation of new traffic control signals at the west approach and the modifications to the existing traffic control signals at the east approach, in the Transportation Services 2018 Capital Budget submission.

Background:

City Council, at its meeting on July 11, 12 and 13, 2012 adopted the staff report titled "Scarborough Centre – Public Space and Streetscape Master Plan" (SC17.22) and, in so doing, endorsed the Master Plan and supported the implementation of the projects and initiatives identified in the plan. One of these initiatives is the reconfiguration of the two intersections on Ellesmere Road at Borough Approach West and at Borough Approach East, directly south of the Scarborough Civic Centre. These two intersections have restricted traffic movements and only the east intersection is currently controlled by traffic signals. The reconfiguration of these two intersections will improve access to the Scarborough Civic Centre and provide a safer and more convenient environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed reconfiguration also includes tree planting and other streetscaping improvements.

In considering SC17.22, City Council requested a second staff report on these improvements on the funding, prioritizing and necessary approvals for the implementation of these improvements. This staff report, which was received by Scarborough Community Council at its meeting on October 10, 2012 (SC19.19), identified these intersection improvements as Priority 6, of the seven priority projects, for implementation in a 6 to 15 year time frame.

Some of the higher priority projects have now been (or soon will be) complete, including the improvements to the Civic Green and streetscape improvements on Borough Drive. Therefore, given the endorsement of these intersection improvements by City Council, their prominence as the southern entrance to the Scarborough Centre, and the recent completion of these other civic improvements in this area, it is now appropriate and advisable to proceed with the design and implementation of these significant improvements.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at 416-392-0204.

Cheers,



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