Road Alteration – Denison Avenue

| Date:     | January 21, 2016       |
| To:       | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From:     | Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District |
| Wards:    | Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20 |
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**SUMMARY**

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 narrow the west side of Denison Avenue, north of Queen Street West. This report is intended to replace an earlier report (Item TE13.46), which had requested approval to narrow the east side of Denison Avenue in error. This enhancement will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment, improve the public realm and create a public piazza and unique identity for the Queen Street West BIA. The work will be undertaken as part of the 2017 Capital Works Program.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the road alteration of Denison Avenue, north of Queen Street West, generally as shown on Drawing No. 421G-1053, dated April 2013, attached.

2. Amend the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on both sides of Denison Avenue, between Queen Street West and Wolseley Street, to be in effect from 36 metres north of Queen Street West to Wolseley Street.

3. Implement a “No Stopping Anytime” regulation on both sides of Denison Avenue, between Queen Street West and a point 36 metres north.
Financial Impact
Funding for this road alteration will be provided by Economic Development & Culture and Queen Street West BIA. The estimated cost is $75,000.00.

DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of January 19, 2016, Toronto and East York Community Council deferred consideration of the report (November 26, 2015) from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, regarding "Road Alteration - Denison Avenue", until its next meeting to be held on February 23, 2016 (Item TE13.46). This matter was deferred as the recommended narrowing should have stated the west side of Denison Avenue.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
In consultation with the Queen Street West BIA, staff has considered narrowing Denison Avenue, north of Queen Street West, to provide a wider boulevard, improve pedestrian safety and an improved public realm as part of a planned road resurfacing and boulevard enhancement works scheduled for 2017.

COMMENTS
Denison Avenue is a local street operating one-way southbound from Grange Avenue to Queen Street West with a pavement width that varies from 7.5 to 9.8 metres. There is no TTC service on Denison Avenue. Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of the subject section of Denison Avenue.

As part of the road resurfacing and boulevard enhancements planned on Queen Street West, Denison Avenue would be narrowed north of Queen Street West, to provide an expanded boulevard, which will provide opportunities to enhance the public realm. Denison Avenue would be narrowed to 6.0 metres, from Queen Street West to a point about 24 metres further north. The proposed narrowing is shown on a copy of Drawing No. 421G-1053, dated April 2013, that is attached to this report. This narrowing will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment, improve the public realm, create a public piazza and a unique identity for the Queen Street West BIA. It will not affect the movement of Emergency Services vehicles. The road narrowing will also re-enforce the one-way southbound operation on Denison Avenue.
Councillor Joe Cressy has been advised of the recommendations of this report.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS
1. Drawing No. 421G-1053, dated April 2013