May 30, 2016

To: Toronto and East York Community Council
Re: Coordinating new entrance to Jimmie Simpson Park with Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Dear Chair & Members,

As part of the Carlaw Dundas Public Realm project the design for a social gathering space and a new entrance at Colgate and Booth Avenues are under consideration for Jimmie Simpson Park. A final decision will be made later in June.

The park includes many recreational facilities including: tennis courts, ball hockey, ice skating, and a swimming pool. These facilities and the park itself are all heavily used by the surrounding community, generating lots of traffic entering the park.

Pedestrian safety was raised during the stakeholder and community discussions and it makes sense to coordinate efforts between departments to pedestrianize the new park entrance.

In the event this design option is chosen for the entrance to Jimmie Simpson Park, I request:

1) Transportation Services staff coordinate efforts with Parks Capital staff on the installation of curb cuts and appropriate stop control measures to ensure maximum pedestrian safety when accessing the new entrance to Jimmie Simpson Park.

Sincerely,

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