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Subject: My comments for 2017.TE24.72 on July 4, 2017 City Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 4, 2017 City Council meeting on item 2017.TE24.72, Traffic Control Signals - Richmond Street West and Simcoe Street

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Comments:

Toronto's Entertainment District is flourishing with new mixed use developments, new workers and a burgeoning residential population. Our sidewalks are packed with pedestrians, including most lately a noticeable increase in young children. Representing a struggling residents association, we are striving, with the encouragement of our Councillor and advice from City officials, to ensure liveability and above all, a safe environment. While in past years, it may have appeared to city residents beyond the city core that downtown was exclusively a place of business, the Entertainment District is now a heavily populated residential district. When it comes to safety, the protection of lives must rank beyond the concern for moving traffic expeditiously. The only traffic control at this intersection is a flashing red light which has little or no impact on fast breaking traffic crossing University Ave, or right turning vehicles from University anxious to make up time. Crossing north/south is only the quick and nimble; children, the disabled, and moms pushing strollers beware. Any concerns for the stacking of cars in this short block may be alleviated by the timing of lights. We are appreciative of the support of this installation by Transportation Services. Following an inexplicable delay in dealing with this matter, we ask the understanding and support of Council at the July meeting.

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