

TD Toronto Jazz Festival in Bloor-Yorkville

Date: March 13, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Toronto Centre-Rosedale - Ward 27

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 to be inconsistent with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to temporarily close Hazelton Avenue between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street, from Monday June 25, 2018 to Monday July 2, 2018 to facilitate the TD Toronto Jazz Festival street event hosted by Toronto Downtown Jazz and amend the necessary traffic regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Authorize the General Manager of Transportation Services to temporarily close Hazelton Avenue between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street, from Monday June 25, 2018 to Monday July 2, 2018 to facilitate the TD Toronto Jazz Festival street event and to amend the necessary traffic regulations; and
2. Authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of any Bills that may be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The event organizers will be responsible for the full costs associated with the TD Toronto Jazz Festival street event. There are no direct budgetary implications to the City.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of February 22, 2017, by adoption of TE22.71, authorized the Hazelton Avenue road closure for the 2017 TD Toronto Jazz Festival event:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.TE22.71>

COMMENTS

In 2017, Toronto Downtown Jazz relocated their annual TD Toronto Jazz Festival from Nathan Phillips Square to Bloor-Yorkville. The Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area (BIA), Greater Yorkville Residents Association in conjunction with the Ward Councillor, Kristyn Wong-Tam, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27, fully support the TD Toronto Jazz Festival street event which will take place from Friday June 22, 2018 to Monday July 1, 2018.

The event area on Hazelton Avenue is located between the south side of the Hazelton Avenue and Scollard Street intersection to the north side of the intersection of Yorkville Avenue and Hazelton Avenue. The organizer is requesting this area be closed to accommodate their programming from Monday June 25, 2017 to Monday July 2, 2017. Toronto Downtown Jazz have consulted with the Bloor-Yorkville BIA and the Greater Yorkville Residents Association to develop a Traffic Management Plan, in consultation with City staff, which addresses traffic movement and signing. In addition, documentation submitted also addresses temporary loading/delivery zones, garbage collection points, street maintenance and emergency vehicle access.

The traffic management plans have been reviewed by various City divisions and area stakeholders impacted by the road closure. No significant issues were identified with the proposed event. Transportation Services staff will continue to liaise with representatives of Toronto Downtown Jazz and the Bloor-Yorkville BIA, Toronto Transit Commission and Emergency Services, as required, to ensure all of the traffic management measures of this event are carried out in a comprehensive manner.

The General Manager of Transportation Services requires authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic any highway or portion of a highway beyond four consecutive days for social, recreational, community, athletic or cinematographic purposes. Approval to temporarily close Hazelton Avenue for eight days is a delegated authority to Toronto and East York Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Road Closure Plan