Dear Chair and Members,

Re: All-way stop control and road modifications – Fort York Boulevard and Queens Wharf Road

The developer of the CityPlace neighbourhood, Concord Adex, has proposed to reconstruct the intersection of Fort York Boulevard and Queens Wharf Court to permit full vehicular turn movements and legal pedestrian crossings. Currently, the raised central boulevard of Fort York Boulevard runs east-to-west through the intersection, dividing Queens Wharf Road into two separate segments. Vehicles are physically blocked from turning left and while many pedestrians choose to mount the boulevard and cross at this location, it is not safe or barrier-free.

This intersection is an important connection in the CityPlace neighbourhood. It is the most direct pedestrian route to the local library branch for four condo towers that are occupied or under construction, as well an additional two towers that have been approved. The City will begin construction this year on a major new neighbourhood park beside the library, on the former mouth of Garrison Creek, which will be another significant local destination. And the south end of Queens Wharf Road will meet with The Bentway, the innovative transformation of 1.75 km of forgotten public space beneath the Gardiner Expressway.

Recommendation

Toronto and East York Community Council recommend that:

1. City Council authorize an all-way stop control at the intersection of Fort York Boulevard and Queens Wharf Road subject to all related costs being borne by the developer Concord Adex Inc.

2. City Council approve the alteration of Fort York Boulevard at Queens Wharf Road by removing a section of the median in order to accommodate the all-way stop control subject to all related costs being borne by the developer Concord Adex Inc.

Sincerely,

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