Monday, June 4, 2018

Toronto and East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: BCCA request that the TEYCC reject Traffic Report for Bay and Grenville Traffic Signal
Agenda Item Number, TE33.80 Traffic Signal at Bay Street and Grenville Street

Dear Members of the TEYCC:

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association (BCCA) requests that you say ‘no’ to this staff report and that you overturn this Traffic Department recommendation.

The Basis for our position is population intensification which will continue in this area. Our community has been heavily intensified which has increased the pedestrians on sidewalks to a very busy level. Since the intensification of this general area with the new Women’s College Ambulatory Hospital, the Burano, the use of 77 Grenville as a medical consultation centre for several Women’s College facilities, both the pedestrians crossing Bay Street and also the vehicular traffic turning west at this intersection have increased in a very big way.

This awkward intersection provides dangers beyond the usual intersection (the angle/bend of Bay Street, extra space at the northeast corner making it dangerous for pedestrians and turning vehicles, proximity of the intersection to Women's College Hospital with the frequent comings and goings of patients and medical personnel).

As cited in the Refusal Report, the Bay Street bus is given as a reason for the refusal. We do not understand what is the relevance of Bay Street having a bus on it to the refusal of the installation of this traffic signal.

We ask this very serious question: Are we waiting for someone to be killed before we take action? There will clearly be a traffic signal at this intersection at some point in time.

We ask you to be proactive and vote to install this traffic signal. Please support the motion of Councillor Wong-Tam to proceed with the installation of a traffic signal at the Bay and Grenville intersection. Vote to overturn the Traffic Department Recommendations.

Respectfully,

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CC: David Sit, Manager, Community Planning, Downtown Section
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