

Two-Way Traffic Operation - Gloucester Street

Date: December 13, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

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 so that it varies with City Policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the one-way operation on Gloucester Street, between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane, as it relates to the site plan control application for Nos. 587-599 Yonge Street. This proposal will provide residents and visitors accessing the new building's retail stores, commercial offices and commercial parking garage direct access off of Yonge Street and addresses area residents' concerns regarding cut-through traffic on Gloucester Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing one-way westbound designation on Gloucester Street, between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications to this report. The cost for the pavement marking and signage modifications related to the two-way conversion, in the estimated amount of \$5,101.01, will be borne by Cresford Developments, the developer of Nos. 587-599 Yonge Street.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Cresford Developments to convert the existing one-way westbound traffic operation on Gloucester Street, between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane to two-way traffic operations, as part of the Site Plan Control Application No. 15 248458 STE 27 SA, for Nos. 587-599 Yonge Street.

The property of Nos. 587-599 Yonge Street is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Yonge Street and Gloucester Street, with a driveway access on Gloucester Street.

Gloucester Street, between Yonge Street and Church Street, is a local roadway which operates one-way westbound with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h and a 7.3 metre wide pavement. Municipal sidewalks are provided on both sides of the road. There is no TTC service provided on Gloucester Street.

As per the approved Site Plan Control Application, Gloucester Street was proposed to be converted from the existing one-way westbound to two-way operation, between Yonge Street and Gloucester Lane, about 55 metres east of Yonge Street.

The proposal was recommended to the applicant by area residents as a stipulation to the new development. Residents' expressed concerns regarding an increase in westbound traffic on Gloucester Street as a result of the new building and, therefore, the introduction of a two-way operation encourages inbound and outbound movement to the building via Yonge Street.

This proposal will allow traffic from Yonge Street direct access to the properties of Nos. 587-599 Yonge Street and Nos. 2-8 Gloucester Street, Gloucester Lane, and addresses area residents' concerns regarding potential cut-through traffic into the community.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3185, dated December 2018

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