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Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Chair and Council Members,

Re: Waiving Fee for Hello Seaton Street Event

Residents in Cabbagetown South have come together to organize Hello Seaton Street - a street event to encourage neighbours to get to know one another, promote a sense of inclusivity and sharing among the community. It is a significant step towards making Seaton Street more safe and inviting. Residents hope that this event will contribute to a more positive perception of their neighbourhood.

The community has expressed a lack of social cohesion and bonds, as there are limited opportunities for neighbours to come together locally and there have been challenges with litter and hazardous waste improperly disposed. These and other issues have made the street feel unsafe. Neighbours have expressed that these challenges have made it uncomfortable for them to idle outdoors talking to one another or spend time in their front yards. Residents have initiated this street event in the hopes of starting longer-term, positive change.

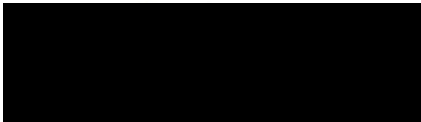
Hello Seaton Street is a local, volunteer-organized street event that will be open to all, with no fee to participate. Toronto and East York Community Council is being asked to waive the user fees for street events, as a means to support this important local community event. As the local Councillor, I can personally attest to the residents' commitment to promoting active citizenship, greater civic engagement for all and the strengthening of community bonds.

Recommendations:

Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to waive the permit fee charged for the 2019 Hello Seaton Street event (fee ref. no. 61.09, Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, Appendix C – Schedule 2, Transportation Services).

Respectfully submitted,



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