

TD Toronto Jazz Festival 2019 in Bloor-Yorkville

Date: April 1, 2019
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Manager, Permits and Enforcements – Parking
Transportation Services
Wards: University-Rosedale - Ward 11
Toronto and East York District

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 Cumberland Street between Old York Lane and the west side of Bellair Street from Friday June 21, 2019 to Monday June 1, 2019 and Hazelton Avenue between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street, from Monday June 24, 2019 to Sunday June 30, 2019 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 Cumberland Street between Old York Lane and Bellair Street from Friday June 21, 2019 to Monday July 1, 2019 and Hazelton Avenue between Yorkville Avenue and Scollard Street, from Monday June 24, 2019 to Sunday June 30, 2019 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 April 4, 2018, by adoption of TE31.72, authorized the Hazelton Avenue road closure for the 2018 TD Toronto Jazz Festival event:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE31.72>

COMMENTS

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 in accordance with Municipal Code Chapter 937-3, Temporary Closing of Highways. Approval to temporarily close Cumberland Street for 10 days and Hazelton Avenue for eight days is a delegated authority to Toronto and East York Community Council.

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, Mike Layton, University-Rosedale, Ward 11, fully support the TD Toronto Jazz Festival street event which will take place from Friday June 21, 2019 to Monday July 1, 2019.

The event area on Cumberland Street is located between the west side of Old York Lane (a pedestrian-only walkway) and the west side of the intersection of Cumberland Street and Bellair Street. The organizer is requesting this area be closed to accommodate their programming from Friday June 21, 2019 to Monday July 1, 2019. The event area on Hazelton Avenue is located between the south side of the intersection of Hazelton Avenue and Scollard Street 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 24, 2019 to Sunday June 30, 2019. 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. Access for the businesses within the event road closure on Cumberland Street will be provided for solid waste collection and deliveries daily between 11:00 p.m. – 11:00 a.m. No significant issues were identified

with the proposed event. Transportation Services staff will continue to liaise with representatives of Toronto Downtown Jazz, the Bloor-Yorkville BIA and Emergency Services, as required, to ensure all of the traffic management measures of this event are carried out in a comprehensive manner.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Road Closure Site Plan

ATTACHMENT 1: ROAD CLOSURE SITE PLAN

