

April 24, 2019

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: Downtown Yonge BIA 2019 Parklets Program

The Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area (DYBIA) is proposing a parklet and greening project within the limits of existing street parking spaces along the south side of Elm Street, between Yonge Street and Bay, beginning in May 2019.

Parklets are sidewalk extensions that provide space and amenities for residents and visitors to stop, sit, and rest while taking in the activities of the street. This particular installation was piloted for the last two years, and enhanced the general pedestrian and retail experience on Elm Street. Over the years, the Downtown Yonge project has been supported by local businesses, Toronto Parking Authority, and has been well-received by the community.

All costs and insurance requirements associated with the parklets are to be borne by the DYBIA and its agents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve an exemption from Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks to permit within the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area, parklets in the eastbound, south curb lane of Elm Street, within existing street parking spaces in front of 15 and 17 Elm Street, between the dates of May 1, 2019 and October 31, 2019 including set-up and take-down.
2. Direct the General Manager of Transportation Services to issue a street occupation permit from May 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019 in the eastbound south curb lane of Elm Street in front of 15 and 17 Elm Street to facilitate the implementation of parklets and a complimentary greening strategy subject to terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Transportation Services.
3. Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to collaborate with the DYBIA on the design of the parklets for the south curb lane of Elm Street in front of 15 and 17 Elm Street to support new designs to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Transportation Services

Thank you,

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