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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: Installing a Commercial Loading Zone on Charles Street West

Charles Street West is a roadway in transition. With major rezoning applications in the area, various streetscape plans under development, and Yonge TOMorrow in consultation phase, transportation planning and roadway operations must be carefully planned with the input of area stakeholders.

At the March 19, 2019 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council, staff report TE4.54 - Commercial Loading Zone - Charles Street West was deferred, as neighbourhood residents and stakeholders had voiced concerns that they were not consulted with for this report, as directed at the November 14, 2017 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council through item TE28.68 - Two-way Operation - Charles Street West.

Subsequent conversations with the applicant - Shoppers Drug Mart - and the community indicated that a commercial loading zone would be allowable on a temporary basis, so long as it does not preclude the development of new plans for the street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a commercial loading zone to operate from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on the south side of Charles Street West, between a point 17 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 15 metres further west for a period of one year.

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2. Toronto and East York Community Council directs the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to report back to May, 2020 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council on whether this commercial loading zone should be extended past 12 months, based on community feedback and other plans for the roadway that may impact the viability of this commercial loading zone.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Wong-Tam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam
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