

Extending Approval for the Parklet Café on Duncan Street (Delegated)

Date: October 22, 2019

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services

Wards: 10 (Spadina-Fort York)

SUMMARY

This report concerns a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council 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 the Toronto and East York Community Council to extend existing approval of the temporary closure to vehicular traffic of a portion of the westerly southbound curb lane of Duncan Street, south of Richmond Street West until April 14, 2023 to facilitate the proposed extended operations of a curb lane parklet café at The Fifth Pub House, Café and Market located at 225 Richmond Street West.

A companion report "Extending Approval for Year-Round Operation of Parklets and Parklet Cafés on King Street and Duncan Street" has been submitted to the Toronto and East York Community Council to seek authority from City Council for year-round operation of this parklet café.

Additionally, this report requests approval to replace the existing parking prohibition in the affected portion of the curb lane on Duncan Street with a stopping prohibition and to rescind the parking machine regulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the temporary closure to vehicular traffic of the westerly southbound curb lane of Duncan Street between a point 4.2 metres south of Richmond Street West and a point 27.1 metres further south from January 1, 2020 to April 14, 2023, inclusive, for the operation of a parklet café.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Duncan Street, between Richmond Street West and a point 31.3 metres south.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Duncan Street, between a point 4.2 metres south of Richmond Street West and a point 27.1 metres further south.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight Monday to Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight Sunday parking machine regulation on the west side of Duncan Street, between Adelaide Street West and Richmond Street West.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of this report.

All costs related to permitting, building and maintaining the parklet café will be borne by the applicant.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 22-24, 2018, City Council approved the implementation of a parklet café pilot along the westerly southbound curb lane of Duncan Street, south of Richmond Street West, from May 24, 2018 to November 14, 2018.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.MM41.33>

At its meeting of December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council approved the extension of the Duncan Street Parklet Pilot to December 31, 2019.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.MM1.5>

At its meeting of March 27 and 28, 2019, City Council adopted, as amended, Item 2019.EC2.3 and, in so doing, recommended a harmonized by-law and updated fees for sidewalk cafés, parklets, and marketing displays. The new by-law 899-2019, which was

enacted by Council on June 19, 2019 and came into effect on September 1, 2019, permits the installation of parklets under several conditions and requires removal during the period from November 15 to April 14 annually.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC2.3>

At its meeting of April 29, 2019, the Economic and Community Development Committee adopted Item EC4.7 and, in so doing, requested staff to increase opportunities for winter-focused activations including all-season patios.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC4.7>

COMMENTS

The current approvals for the temporary closure to vehicular traffic of a portion of the westerly southbound curb lane of Duncan Street, south of Richmond Street West, solely for the operation of a parklet café, expire on December 31, 2019.

Year-round installation and operation of a parklet cafe on Duncan Street were implemented on a pilot basis over the 2018-2019 season. The operation of the parklet café was monitored for any adverse impacts on the vehicular right-of-way and pedestrian clearway. It was concluded that the year-round installation did not significantly impact vehicular traffic. It also did not result in any displacement of paid on-street parking. Although there is parking machine regulation for this portion of Duncan Street, the parking machines have not been installed and this report recommends that the regulation be rescinded. Additionally, snow storage could be accommodated within the site layout.

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Winter patios are an economic development opportunity. They help to create more active and attractive streets in the city's coldest months and encourage residents and tourists to rethink Toronto as a destination for unique outdoor experiences year-round.

Maintenance, upkeep, and snow removal in permitted areas remain the responsibility of the permit holder. Maintenance standards within the parklet area are subject to the discretion of the General Manager of Transportation Services.

The local Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this report.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Duncan Street Parklet Site Plan

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