

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

March 13, 2019

Toronto East York Community Council
City Hall - 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Sent Via Email: teycc@toronto.ca

Dear Toronto East York Community Council Members:

RE: Item TE4.54– Commercial Loading Zone - Charles Street West

We are writing today to express our strong objection to the recommendations of the above referenced report. The Bloor-Yorkville BIA was not at any time consulted on this matter and this intersection is a critical part of a review, promised to our community by the City Transportation Department, to turn Charles Street West into a 2-way street between Yonge and Balmuto Streets. This would allow for a free flow of traffic in both directions from Bay Street to Yonge Street along Charles. We also oppose the recommendation to allow heavy truck traffic on Charles Street west of Bay Street to Queens Park Circle, as the roadway is narrow and the area is predominantly residential and part of the University of Toronto campus.

We have included an email exchange between our former Councillor's staff and our local resident's association, known as GYRA, and we were supportive of the desire to create 2-way traffic flow in between Yonge and Balmuto streets, due to traffic impacts, which will be created by multiple condominium units being built in this immediate area. City Transportation indicated that this conversion was certainly possible but would be subject to public consultation. The public consultation did not yet happen.

We kindly ask that the Council not adopt the recommendations of the Staff Report but defer the issue back to Staff to carry out the proper public consultation and review the Yonge Charles intersection, as a whole, and how it can be altered to allow for better traffic flow through a densely populated area.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Dr. David Homer
Traffic Committee Chair
Bloor-Yorkville BIA

cc: Councillor Wong-Tam, Ward 13
Councillor Michael Layton – Ward 11

