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Dear Ms Devlin

RE: 2019.TE7.91, Traffic Control Signals - Yonge Street and Price Street/Marlborough Avenue

I am writing to express my support for the installation of traffic control signals at Yonge and Price Street, and to disagree with the staff recommendation in report TE7.91.

Serendipity Point Films offices are located at 9 Price Street, immediately across the street from the Diamond Corporation re-development proposal for 5 Scrivener Square, 4-10 Price Street and 1095-1107 Yonge Street. That proposal has been appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, and Serendipity Point Films is a party to that appeal.

The development proposal includes over 160 proposed parking spaces, and will result in increased traffic on Price Street and the surrounding area. As it stands today, there are frequently long delays to make turns from Price Street to Yonge Street which are outside of the peak hours, due to traffic to and from Terroni Restaurant. These delays will continue, and will be exacerbated by the increased traffic from the proposed development.

The only way to ensure that there will not be increased delays in making turns onto Yonge Street if the proposed development is approved is to add a traffic signal. The staff report confirms that there have been fifteen collisions in the past 3 years at this intersection based on existing traffic volumes. It also notes that the delays associated with the current traffic are at 93% of the technical justifications for the addition of signals. That is based on existing traffic volumes. Those delays will only increase with the proposed development, and may well reach the 100% technical requirement.

The combination of the existing conditions, the collision history and delays today along with the inevitable increases that will come with the proposed development clearly justify the addition of the traffic signals. We therefore urge Council to direct that traffic lights be installed to ensure that this intersection does not become increasingly congested and unsafe.

Yours truly,

  
(Robert Lantos)

Cc: Councillor Michael Layton  
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Diamond Corporation