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Infrastructure & Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street W  
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**Re: Yonge-Eglinton Construction Hub: Street Occupation Permit Fee Revisions**

Dear Chair and Members,

The City of Toronto has the largest number of major construction projects among the 13 largest cities in North America, some of them in the heart of Midtown Toronto. With the multi-year construction of the Crosstown LRT line and the major densification of the area around Yonge and Eglinton, the impacts on the community have been significant. Noise, congestion, longer travel times, lack of parking, and unsafe conditions for pedestrians/cyclists/motorists on the public right-of-way, have all negatively affected local residents.

Through the creation of the Yonge-Eglinton Construction Hub, the City has taken a meaningful step toward addressing the daily reality that local residents face by taking a more coordinated and holistic approach to dealing with the more than a dozen projects in the small area. However, a big part of the puzzle has been left unresolved – the demands from developers to occupy the City's public right-of-way for their construction staging for low prices. The City's street occupation permit fees for staging on the City's right-of-way currently consists of 5 areas with different prices for occupation: AA, A, B, C, D (in order of the most to least cost to occupy the right-of-way). Currently, the area of the Construction Hub has a mix of areas:

- Eglinton Ave, from Duplex Ave to Dunfield Ave is Area A;
- Mt. Pleasant Rd, from Merton St to Eglinton Ave E is Area B;
- Eglinton Ave E, from Mt. Pleasant Rd to Dunfield Ave is Area B;
- All the other areas within the Construction Hub are Area D.

The local and collector streets in the Construction Hub area (such as Soudan Ave, Roehampton Ave, Broadway Ave, Dunfield Ave, etc.) are placed in "Area D", despite having multiple, simultaneous construction projects that have a large impact on the residents.

This motion requests City Council to place the entire Construction Hub area into the "Area AA" category as it relates to street occupation permit fees, effective immediately.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Infrastructure & Environment Committee request that:

1. City Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743 – Appendix B by removing the following:
  - a. Eglinton Avenue, from Duplex Avenue to Dunfield Avenue from "Area A";
  - b. Mount Pleasant Road, from Merton Street to Eglinton Avenue East from "Area B";
  - c. Eglinton Avenue East, from Mount Pleasant Road to Dunfield Avenue from "Area B";

and inserting the above entries into “Area AA”.

2. City Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743 – Appendix B by adding the following area bounded by, and including all frontages, into "Area AA":
  - a. Erskine Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Road to Yonge Street;
  - b. Mount Pleasant Road, from Erskine Avenue to Soudan Avenue;
  - c. Soudan Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Road to Yonge Street;
  - d. Berwick Avenue, from Yonge Street to Duplex Avenue;
  - e. Duplex Avenue, from Berwick Avenue to Roselawn Avenue;
  - f. Roselawn Avenue, from Duplex Avenue to Yonge Street.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and/or any other appropriate City divisions to investigate the possibility of directing the increase in fees to the funding of the Construction Hub Coordination Pilot Project.
4. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary Bills to Council to amend the requisite City By-laws or Municipal Code Chapters to give effect to City Council’s decision and authorize the City Solicitor to make any necessary clarifications, refinements, minor modifications, technical amendments, or By-law amendments as may be identified by the City Solicitor, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give effect to City Council's decision.

Sincerely,

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