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Subject: Street Occupation Permit Fees in Midtown-EPRA recommendation to IE Committee
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To the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
From: Eglinton Park Residents' Association
Re: IE 13.5 Yonge-Eglinton Construction Hub: Street Occupation Permit Fee Revisions
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It has come to our attention that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee is soon to discuss a proposal put forward by Councillors Colle and Matlow, with an eye to raising the fees paid by construction firms when they take over public sidewalks and lanes of street, at Yonge and Eglinton, to the highest official level. The motive, as we understand it, is to encourage construction companies, on projects at Yonge and Eglinton, to find ways of reducing their public footprint.

Our residents' association covers the nine square blocks just northeast of the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton. We see enormous amounts of construction, both on Yonge and on Eglinton, and also on all the east-west side streets east of Yonge, from Keewatin on the north to Soudan on the south. We have been living for a decade and more with many hoardings and pinched corridors, always an inconvenience and now, with the pandemic, especially troublesome, as pedestrians in narrow passages cannot keep a safe distance from one another.

Any move to enhance the public realm amidst construction is to the good.

Construction will be with us here for long years to come. This part of town has unusually strong pressures. For that reason, we back the councillors' proposal to you.

Tom Cohen
Chair, EPRA

Cc EPRA board and councillors Mike Colle and Josh Matlow