

Report on the cancellation of the Union Station sidewalk boulevard vending locations due to the closure of Front Street West adjacent to the north side of 61 Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

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Wards: Ward 10 Spadina Fort York

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

To report on the cancellation of the Union Station Sidewalk Boulevard Vending permits located on Front Street West, north side, between York Street and Bay Street due to the permanent closure of Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street as a public highway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing & Standards recommends that:

1. All sidewalk boulevard vending permits located on the North Side of 61 Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street be cancelled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

In early 2011, City Council approved the revitalization of 61 Front Street West (Union Station) which included, among other matters, the reduction of traffic lanes, wider sidewalks and a public plaza. The revitalization contemplated much larger sidewalks and a public plaza to accommodate the increased pedestrian flows in and around the Union Station.

In September 2011, Municipal Licensing & Standards was alerted to a concern raised by Facilities Management over the location of the sidewalk boulevard vending permit locations licensed to sell food in front of Union Station. Staff was advised that the food carts needed to be vacated to accommodate the construction activities in conjunction with the Union Station Revitalization Project.

As a result of the construction activities, the following permits were cancelled and or suspended:

R53-2264601	Mohammad Reza Boni	Front St W - South Side 116 M West of Bay Street
*R53-2402117	Loucas Catsiliras	Front St W - South Side 106.70M east
R53-2402521	Great Tasting Hot Dogs and Sausages Corp	Front St W - South Side 88.0 M West of Bay Street
R53-2402594	Peter Verteouris	Front St W - South Side 12.00 M East of York Street.
R53-2402595	Teresa- Jolanta Warczak	Front St W - South Side 46 m West of Bay Street.
R53- 2402165	Ioanna Catsiliras	Front St W South Side 75.72 M East of York Street.

* Temporary relocation - Simcoe St. 4.7m. South of Queen St. West

In order to more effectively control the use of the increased sidewalk and public plaza in front of Union Station, Real Estate Services had requested that Transportation Services recommend to City Council that the Highway be permanently closed to enable operational management of the Highway to be transferred to Real Estate Services for use as part of Union Station.

City Council at its meeting held on January 30 and 31, 2019 adopted the following:

1. City Council authorized the permanent closure of a portion of Front Street West adjacent to the north side of 61 Front Street West, designated as Parts 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on Plan 66R-30375 and shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2016-084 (the "Highway"), attached to the report (December 12, 2018) from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix A to the report (December 12, 2018) from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.

COMMENTS

Municipal Licensing & Standards was directed at the meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council held on January 10, 2012, to undertake a review of the sidewalk boulevard vending permit locations upon completion of the construction associated with Union Station revitalization to determine the feasibility of reinstatement.

As a result of the permanent closure of the public highway known as 61 Front Street West, the vending locations are no longer viable.

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