

November 10, 2020

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: Dupont and Bathurst Intersection Improvements

The intersection of Dupont Street and Bathurst Street is one that has historically been a source of concern for local residents with the number of vehicles passing through the intersection at high speeds and minimal distance from the sidewalk to the speeding cars.

In late October, in an intersection similar to this one on Dupont a resident in Ward 11 lost their life due to dangerous conditions for pedestrians. This death is entirely preventable and future, similar ones could be avoided if the City of Toronto allocates substantially more funding toward Vision Zero and accelerated safe intersection design.

Moving forward, we mustn't wait for a tragedy to occur before we take action. We must ensure that our Transportation Services budget is allocated to improving conditions for ALL road users and ensure safety is the driver of our design.

Dupont Street will be the focus of future redesign as we create complete streets that account for the safety of our most vulnerable road users.

Recommendations:

1. Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to review the feasibility of installing bollards on all four corners at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Dupont Street.
2. Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to review the feasibility of installing automated speed enforcement at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Dupont Street.
3. Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to conduct a safety review of the intersection of Bathurst Street and Dupont Street, looking at any mitigating measures that would improve safety, both short term and long term.

Thank you,

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