



Monday, November 9, 2020

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members,

Re: Request to Re-open Item TE19.52: Parking Amendments – Market Street

Last month, Toronto and East York Community Council passed parking amendments on the west side of Market Street, between Front Street East and The Esplanade, to allow existing patios to remain until November 15. The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area (BIA) has requested extending these amendments on behalf of these patios this year in response to continued struggles created by COVID-19.

Following the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting in October that permitted the Market Street patios to remain until November 15, restrictions on indoor dining were reinstated by the Province in response to COVID-19. The St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA has requested that the City permit these patios to remain over the winter, to allow the adjacent restaurants their best opportunity to remain in business.

Several years ago, Market Street in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood was redesigned to become a curbless, flexible boulevard. During the winter, pay-and-display parking is introduced, while in the summer the parking is removed and bollards provided to create a more attractive streetscape that can be more easily closed for events.

Transportation Services staff have raised safety concerns with allowing the bollards to remain without further intervention, such as additional barriers to protect pedestrians. Market Street slopes downward from Front Street East, and staff are concerned the existing bollards that are installed during the summer will not properly protect pedestrians should a vehicle slip on snow or ice. The BIA has proposed exploring solutions to properly protect pedestrians during the winter months on Market Street, but require more time to work with Transportation Services to come to a mutually acceptable solution.

If the City does nothing, the existing Market Street patios will need to be removed on November 16 along with the temporary bollards, with pay-and-display parking then being reintroduced. This motion is intended to allow the patios to remain until December 15 this year, to allow the BIA time to work with Transportation Services on a solution that can be potentially brought to the December 2, 2020 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council re-open Item TE19.52 entitled "Parking Amendments – Market Street" only with respect to Parts 1 and 2 of its decision.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council replace Parts 1 and 2 of its decision with respect to Item TE19.52 with the following new Parts 1 and 2:

"1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times from April 1 to December 15, inclusive, on the west side of Market Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street East."

"2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, from October 16 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive, for a maximum period of 3 hours and at a rate of \$4.00 per hour on the west side of Market Street, between The Esplanade and Front Street East, to be in effect from December 16 of one year to March 31 of the next following year, inclusive."

Respectfully submitted,

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