

March 29, 2021

Mayor Tory and councillors

We wrote as below on July 26, 2020, and we reaffirm today, with an eye to the proposal for cycling lanes between Bloor and Davisville, on Yonge. It is an excellent proposal, and we at EPRA would love to see similar provisions north to the lip of Hogg's Hollow.

Tom Cohen, EPRA chair

July 26, 2020

Dear Mayor Tory,

The board of the Eglinton Park Residents' Association, up at Yonge and Eglinton, has discussed the interesting proposal to put bicycle lanes on Yonge up here in mid-town.

We have heard of the idea from Cycle Toronto, aired it at meetings with FoNTRA, and raised it with councillor Mike Colle, who seems to us sympathetic.

To our eyes, a cycle lane on Yonge would buffer the patios now established outside the bars and restaurants. It would support the struggling merchants, and allow residents to commute and to move about for exercise.

The only downside is that it slows down the flow of cars. But, to our eyes, both with the pandemic and, eventually, with recovery, Toronto should take steps to calm the streets, and to make them serve a wider public, not just the cars. It seems a day worth seizing.

So we hope that you and the other councillors take the proposal seriously, study it well, and, if all seems well, to bring it into effect.

Best wishes,

Tom Cohen  
Chair, EPRA