



## GOVERNOR'S BRIDGE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

March 18, 2021

Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
Toronto City Council  
Mayor Tory  
City of Toronto

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, City Council, and Mayor John Tory:

### **Re: Complete Street ActiveTO Pilot on Yonge Street**

We are writing to you to support City Staff's recommendation that a Complete Street ActiveTO Pilot be installed on Yonge Street this summer. The pandemic has forced everyone inside and many of our members want to get outside and enjoy the best that Toronto has to offer, especially with Spring weather on the horizon.

We believe this Yonge Street Pilot will be an important investment in the local community. The improvement of walking routes and sidewalks, the installation of on-street patios, protected bike lanes, parking and delivery areas, and beautification measures, will ensure that everyone can safely enjoy Yonge Street this summer.

Making Midtown Yonge into a "complete street" (for people of all ages and abilities who walk, bicycle, take transit, or drive), and bringing back CaféTO on-street patios, will offer a much-needed boost to our main street businesses on Yonge after this winter's tough lockdown.

The huge success of last year's ActiveTO and CaféTO projects has shown that Torontonians are eager for safe opportunities to walk and bike around our city, and to patronize and support local establishments that are struggling because of the pandemic.

Having been part of a well-attended stakeholder meeting on March 15, 2021, we have every confidence that City Staff will use best practices learned from similar pilots/programs in other areas like the Danforth and King Street. Our hope is that these best practices are adapted for the Yonge Street Pilot with ongoing consultations with businesses and residents, and further refinements based on data and community feedback.

Finally, as part of the Complete Street program, we hope that extra effort is taken to improve the walking experience and safety on Yonge Street in this pilot program.

We look forward to being part of the success of the Yonge Street Pilot.

**We are calling on Mayor Tory and all Councillors to fully support this pilot, for the benefit, prosperity, and safety of residents and visitors to the City.**

Sincerely,

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