City Council

Notice of Motion

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Traffic Safety Review of Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

- 1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to undertake a traffic safety review of the intersection of Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street and provide recommendations for enhanced road safety features as soon as possible and for rapid installation of these measures included in a report to the January 6, 2022 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.
- 2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider installing a Red Light Camera at Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street and to report back to the January meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the feasibility of this installation.
- 3. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider placing an Automated Speed Enforcement device at the corner of Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street and to report back to the January meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the feasibility of this installation.
- 4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider reducing the speed limit on Sherbourne Street between Gerrard Street East and Shuter Street by ten kilometres per hour and include their findings in the report to the January 6, 2022 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.
- 5. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to consider increasing traffic marshalls and traffic safety support when construction is taking place near the intersection during peak traffic hours and include their findings in the report to the January 6, 2022 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

Summary

On November 18, 2021 a member of the Toronto Centre community was killed in a tragic

^{*} Notice of this Motion has been given.

^{*} This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

traffic accident at the corner of Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street. This individual was previously involved in a separate traffic related incident that also took place at the same intersection. This individual was the second person killed at this intersection in the last six months.

The Dundas and Sherbourne area has a significant homeless population either living in local shelters or visiting the area daily for services. We have seen for years that they are at added risk to vehicular injury if they are left to fend for themselves without sustained and appropriate social support.

A safety review of this area is needed to accurately assess and address the longstanding safety challenges that have increased in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other contributing social and economic factors.

Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street sees a high volume of fast moving traffic. The area is also busy with pedestrians. Many people who seek refuge on the corner are impacted by extreme poverty, homelessness, poor sleep, mobility issues, physical and mental health issues and high levels of stress increasing vulnerability to traffic accidents. The result is a high risk area for both pedestrians and motorists. It is for these very complex reasons why a traffic safety review of the area is so badly needed.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM38.5