



April 20, 2021

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

Dear Chair and Council Members,

RE: Request to temporarily close a portion of Maitland Street east of Church Street for CafeTO

The past year, now leading into the second year of the pandemic, has hit small businesses hard, particularly for restaurants and bars along Church Street who have not had the typical tourism generated by events such as the Pride Festival or Halloween on Church.

I have received requests from the Church Wellesley Village BIA, Church Street Garage and Churchmouse and Firkin to support their desire to have CafeTO patios on Maitland Street east of Church Street which would provide them with the adequate amount of space they need to survive and would also solve potential conflicts with the limited space available on Church Street.

A temporary road closure would be required in order to accommodate the CafeTO permits for both Church Street Garage on the northeast side of Church Street and Maitland Street as well as Churchmouse & Firkin on the southeast side.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. The Toronto and East York Community Council request the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to investigate the feasibility of a temporary road closure of Maitland Street from Church Street to a point about 25 meters east for the duration of the CafeTO program and report back by the June meeting of the Toronto & East York Community Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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