

Feasibility of a Temporary Closure on St. Nicholas Street from Phipps Street to St. Joseph Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Policy and Innovation, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 13 - Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to investigate the feasibility of temporarily closing a portion of St. Nicholas Street to allow for an expanded outdoor dining opportunity under the CaféTO Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Policy & Innovation, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. This report be received for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendation of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of May 19, 2021, Toronto and East York Community Council approved a construction staging area that will require a full closure of St. Nicholas Street abutting 6-16 Wellesley Street West and 5-7 St. Nicholas Street.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.TE25.32>

At its meeting of April 21, 2021, Toronto and East York Community Council requested staff to investigate the feasibility of a temporary road closure of St. Nicholas Street from Phipps Street to St. Joseph Street to vehicular traffic for the duration of the 2021 CaféTO Program.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2021.TE24.93>

COMMENTS

Staff have investigated the feasibility of a temporary road closure of St. Nicholas Street from Phipps Street north to St. Joseph Street to support expanded outdoor dining operations for an establishment at 17 St. Nicholas Street.

Due to the construction staging area that requires the closure of St. Nicholas Street from Wellesley Street West and a point 43 metres north, it has been determined that it is not possible to close the portion of St. Nicholas Street north of Phipps Street in order to ensure traffic travelling in the area has an appropriate exit route.

Staff are investigating alternative design options for a café installation for the restaurant located at 17 St. Nicholas Street that would allow for safe outdoor dining and adequate traffic flow in the area.

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