

## **Road Alteration and Parking Amendments – Huron Street**

**Date:** June 3, 2021

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

**Wards:** Ward 11, University-Rosedale

### **SUMMARY**

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The Dupont by the Castle BIA is currently implementing the first phase of its Streetscape Master Plan to provide a vibrant and welcoming streetscape for visitors and for people living and working in the area. Phase one is the creation of new landscaped seating area 'Dupont Wendat Square' on Huron Street from Dupont Street to the CPR right-of-way. There is a proposed electrical connection and the BIA intends to periodically apply to Transportation Services for temporary road closures of Huron Street to use the new space for seasonal festivals. Three existing parking spaces are proposed to be permanently removed to facilitate the new installation. There are two adjacent surface parking lots on either side of the seating area. The large LCBO parking lot to the west of the site can accommodate temporary parking. All work will comply with the City of Toronto's guidelines and is to be constructed as a stand-alone project administered by Economic Development and Culture's BIA Office. Toronto and East York Community Council approval of this report is required to remove the parking spaces and make associated traffic regulation amendments.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking machine regulation in effect from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday for a maximum period of 3 hours and at a rate of \$2.00 per hour on the east side of Huron Street, between Dupont Street and the CPR Right-of-way.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize a stopping prohibition to be in effect at all times on both sides of Huron Street, between Dupont Street and the CPR Right-of-way.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of Huron Street, between College Street and a point 38 metres north of Dupont Street (Canadian Pacific Railway right-of-way), to be in effect at all times on the west side of Huron Street, between College Street and Dupont Street.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary bills to amend the necessary By-laws to give effect to parts 1 to 3 above.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The removal of three (3) on-street parking spaces proposed by this report would reduce Toronto Parking Authority (TPA)'s annual gross revenue by approximately \$10,850, based on 2019 revenues.

Funding of \$320,546.30 is available in the 2021 Council Approved Capital Budget for Economic Development and Culture and City Planning to support the costs related to construction of the proposed street narrowing and installation of the seating area. The costs will be funded by the Dupont by the Castle Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the Economic Development and Culture – Cost Share Program (CED 116-70 - \$180,546.30) and City Planning's Civic Improvements project (CUR054-06 - \$140,000). Dupont by the Castle Business Improvement Area will be responsible for the maintenance cost and duties of the space.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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In 2017, the Dupont by the Castle completed a Streetscape Master Plan for Dupont Street and surrounding streets in the BIA. The Master Plan identified potential improvements to the streetscape to provide a vibrant and welcoming destination for visitors and for people living and working in the area. The Master Plan's goal was to propose improvements that would provide an enhanced pedestrian environment and identify spaces that the BIA could use for temporary events and streetscape activations. The creation of a new public space on Huron Street from Dupont Street to the CPR Right-of Way was identified by the BIA and consultant as the highest priority item to construct and is considered phase one of the plan rollout. The new space includes a minor road narrowing on the dead-end street to accommodate pedestrian enhancements, tree protection, seating and a new electrical service. Three existing temporary parking spaces are proposed to be permanently removed to facilitate the new installation. There are two adjacent surface parking lots on either side of the seating

area. The large LCBO parking lot to the west of the site can accommodate visitor temporary parking.

The proposed narrowing is shown in Appendix A that is attached to this report. This narrowing will provide opportunities to enhance the pedestrian environment and improve the public realm.

This section of Huron Street is designated a local road with one northbound and one southbound travel lane, with a small section of on-street parking on the east side. The proposed design will maintain existing vehicular operations and will meet minimum lane width requirements (3m) for the 30km/h road. It will improve pedestrian infrastructure, and maintain a straight roadway alignment. This proposal results in a reduction of three temporary parking spaces and does not result in a reduction of vehicular travel lanes. There are no capital works scheduled for this road through 2026.

The project proponent, the Dupont by the Castle BIA, is supportive of the recommendations contained within this staff report. The Dupont by the Castle BIA has consulted with the community, stakeholders, Ward Councillor's office, and adjacent landowners as part of their proposal to the City. Staff from Transportation Services and Toronto Parking Authority have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

The BIA will enter into an agreement with the City containing terms and conditions deemed by the General Manager of Transportation Services to be relevant and in accordance with any requirements set out in City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use Of, deemed by the General Manager of Transportation Services to be applicable.

Councillor Mike Layton has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Appendix A - Schematic Site Plan