

June 24, 2021

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: Brunswick Avenue/ Dupont Street Neighbourhood Study

Residents in the Annex, including representatives of the Annex Residents' Association, have been contacting my office with concerns about the consistent increase in traffic volumes, on-street parking pressures, and traffic-related safety concerns in the Brunswick Avenue/Dupont Street area.

Intensification of density along the Dupont corridor, through recent, ongoing and planned future development, has changed the dynamic of local traffic, with much of the traffic perceived to be cut-through drivers avoiding congestion and poor traffic conditions along the arterial streets such as Dupont, Bathurst, Spadina and Bloor. Accordingly, drivers and the apps they rely upon to route their drives increasingly use residential streets within the Annex, including Brunswick Avenue as a north-south street in and out of the area and often at high speeds.

In an effort to curb this dangerous increase in traffic, on behalf of local residents, I am looking to have Transportation Services review current configuration of our traffic grid and make suggestions that will eliminate cut-through traffic and reduce congestion on our residential streets.

It is integral that this is reviewed holistically and we are not creating issues on neighbouring streets.

Recommendation:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council request that the General Manager of Transportation Services conduct a study of the feasibility and impact of converting Brunswick Avenue, from Wells Street to Dupont Street to one-way travel northbound, including a general review of current cut-through patterns and consideration of potential impacts to flow of traffic through other streets in the area bounded by Dupont Street, Spadina Road, Bloor Street and Bathurst Street.

Thank you,

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