



June 24, 2021

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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

Councillor Gord Perks,
Chair, Toronto and East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall

Protecting Pedestrians at Riverdale Park East

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

With Watermain and imminent TTC Track Work on Broadview Avenue between Gerrard and Danforth residents in the area are concerned about pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Riverdale Park East, which is one of the busiest parks in the East End. However above and beyond the temporary concerns is the long standing community request for a traffic light to improve pedestrian safety around Riverdale Park East.

In a letter on April 30th 2021 the General Manager of Transportation confirmed that staff should be working on determining an optimal location for a traffic signal on Broadview. However staff have now indicated that they are not planning on installing a traffic signal, and instead wish to wait for additional traffic counts.

This is not the first request. The latest request was in [2016](#) after overwhelming feedback during the consultations on upgrades to Riverdale Park East, and other similar requests stretch back to 2005.

This needs to be addressed, and I am asking for your support to remedy this issue.

Toronto and East York Community Council

1. Direct the General Manager of Transportation to report to the September 9th Meeting of Community Council with on the preferred location for the long discussed traffic signal on Broadview that would provide safest access to Riverdale Park .

Sincerely,

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RE: Request for Traffic Control Signal(s) on Broadview Avenue"

Dear Councillor Fletcher,

In response to our discussion on April 26, 2021 and well as direction from TEYCC item TE16.72 on May 10, 2016, Transportation Services has been directed to install traffic control signals on Broadview Avenue near the north section of Riverdale Park East in order to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing along the arterial.

It is imperative to note that a staff report will be required to specify and authorize the exact location of the traffic control signals. As Broadview Avenue is classified as a two-way north-south minor arterial roadway with transit service, City Council approval is required to approve installation.

Typically, in order to determine the need for traffic control signals at a specific location, staff rely on the traffic signal warrant justification criteria as outlined in the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 12. The justification criteria includes factors such as volume of vehicles and pedestrians, delay to cross traffic, and collision history. In addition to these technical justifications, staff consider an environmental checklist which includes consideration of road width, posted speed limit, operating speeds, adjacent land uses, pedestrian desire lines and demographics, presence of a transit stop, sight lines, and distance between existing crossing opportunities.

However, given that historic traffic counts are not available for Broadview Avenue and request for counts are currently on hold due to COVID-19, a warranted review cannot be undertaken at this time.

Notwithstanding, as discussed, staff will proceed with prioritizing and coordinating the installation of traffic control signals in the most optimal location to facilitate east/west crossing in close proximity to the north end of the park. A staff report can be submitted to the June 19, 2021 Toronto East York Community Council meeting to authorize the signals, and at this point we are projecting that the signal should be installed in Q2 – 2022 given budget and timing constraints.

Staff can summarize the report findings for your review prior to June TEYCC meeting.

Should you have any immediate questions regarding the proposed plans and timing, please feel free to contact Roger Browne, Director Traffic Management.

Regards,



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General Manager
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