

Road Alteration and Parking Amendments – Spadina Road

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To: Toronto East York Community Council

From: Interim General Manager, Economic Development and Culture

Wards: Ward 12, Toronto-St. Paul's

SUMMARY

The Forest Hill Village BIA is implementing the next phase of its Streetscape Master Plan that aims to build a vibrant and welcoming streetscape for visitors and for people living and working in the area. This phase involves pedestrian improvements and alteration of curbs at three key intersections along Spadina Road - at Montclair Avenue, at Lonsdale Road and at Thelma Avenue. The improvements include five bulb-outs that incorporate planting areas with trees, passive stormwater infiltration and seating. Upgrades will also include the reduction of curb radii and addition of tactile warning plates at the three intersection corners, upgraded paving and new zebra markings to improve pedestrian safety, meet current accessibility standards and slow vehicles. The intersection enhancements are inclusive of all sign and pavement marking modifications.

The project will require four existing parking spaces to be permanently removed. The BIA aims to work with the Toronto Parking Authority to explore new paid parking locations to help offset the loss.

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. As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Spadina Road, City Council approval of this report is required to remove the parking spaces and make associated traffic regulation and road alteration amendments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Spadina Road, between a point 87.5 meters north of Lonsdale Road and 16.5 meters further north.

2. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday at a rate of \$3.00 per hour and for a maximum of three hours on the west side of west side of Spadina Road, between a point 87.5 meters north of Lonsdale Road and 16.5 meters further north.
3. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Spadina Road, between Montclair Avenue and a point 14 meters north.
4. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday at a rate of 3 hours and at a rate of \$3.00 per hour and for a maximum of three hours on the east side of Spadina Road, between Montclair Avenue and a point 14 meters north.
5. City Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Spadina Road, between Montclair Avenue and a point 14 meters north.
6. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday at a rate of \$3.00 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours on the west side of Spadina Road, between Montclair Avenue and a point 14 meters north.
7. City Council rescind the existing maximum one hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the west side of Spadina Road, between Bantry Avenue and a point 41 metres south of Strathearn Boulevard.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The removal of four on-street parking spaces proposed by this report would reduce Toronto Parking Authority (TPA)'s annual gross revenue by approximately \$26,000.00, based on 2019 revenues.

All costs related to construction of the intersection improvements, including the operational cost for relocating two pay and display machines (\$1,500.00 each) totaling approximately \$500,000.00, will be borne by the Forest Hill Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) and Economic Development and Culture – Cost Share Program. These costs can be accommodated in the 2021 EDC Council Approved Capital Budget – BIA Equal Share Funding project. The Forest Hill Village 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

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

In 2017, the Forest Hill Village BIA completed a Streetscape Master Plan for the four blocks of Spadina Road that are within the BIA's boundaries. The Master Plan identified streetscape improvement opportunities that would contribute to a more vibrant, welcoming and pedestrian friendly street. The creation of bulb-outs and intersection improvements was identified by the BIA and consultant as one of the highest priority items to construct.

Pedestrian improvements and alteration of curbs are proposed at three key intersections along Spadina Road - at Montclair Avenue, at Lonsdale Road and at Thelma Avenue. The improvements include five bulb-outs that incorporate planting areas with trees, passive stormwater infiltration and seating. Upgrades will also include the reduction of curb radii and addition of tactile warning plates at the three intersection corners, upgraded paving and new zebra markings to improve pedestrian safety, meet current accessibility standards and slow vehicles. The proposed design is shown in Appendix A that is attached to this report.

This section of Spadina Road is designated a minor arterial with one northbound and one southbound travel lane, and by-lawed permanent parking in the curb lanes. There is TTC service on this street provided by the 33 Forest Hill bus. The proposed design will maintain existing vehicular operations and widen sidewalk areas at intersections that will result in the loss of four permanent parking spaces. There are no capital works scheduled for this road through 2026.

The project proponent, the Forest Hill Village BIA, is supportive of the recommendations contained within this staff report. The BIA has consulted with the public, business community, stakeholders and Ward Councillor's office 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 Josh Matlow has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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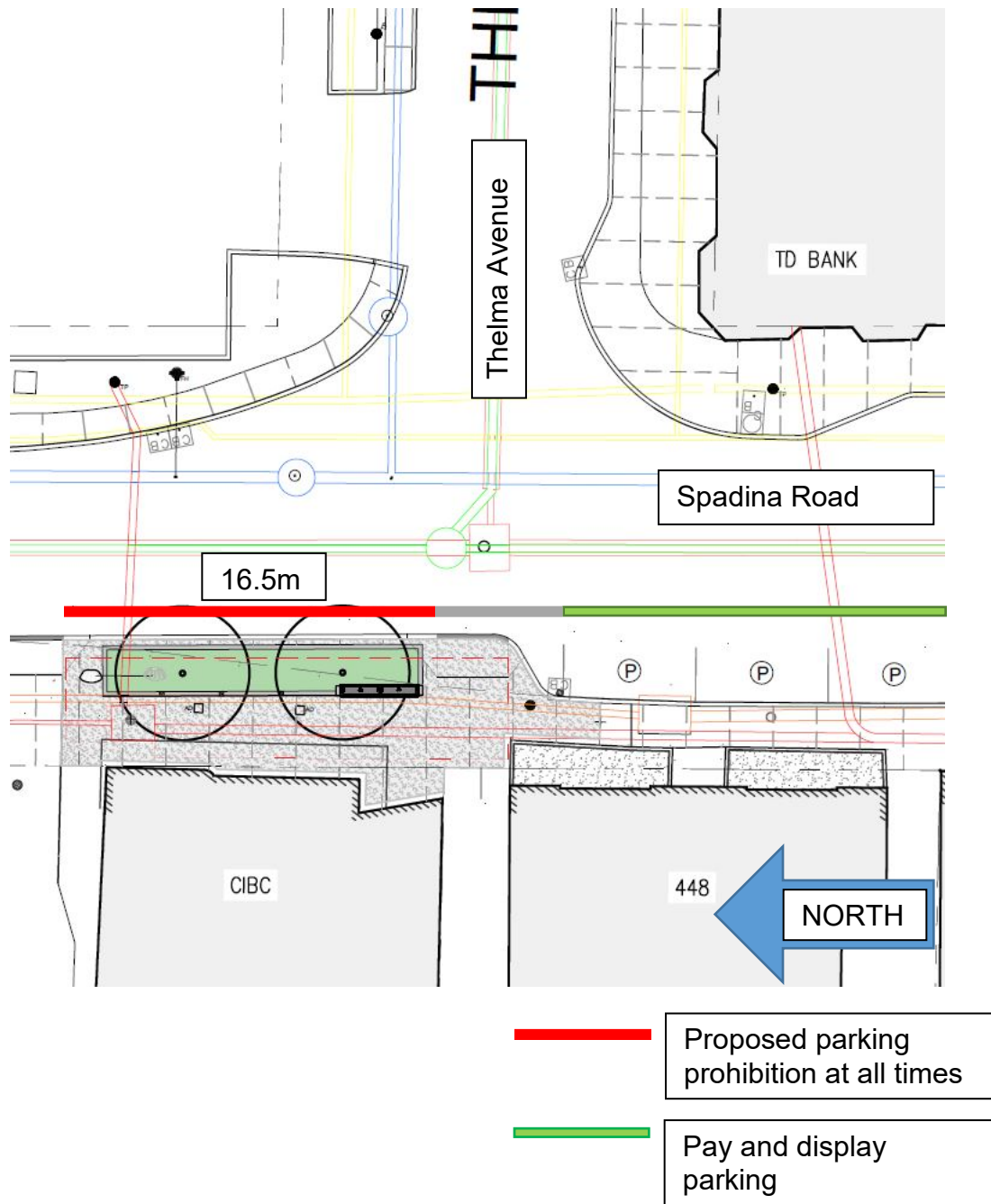
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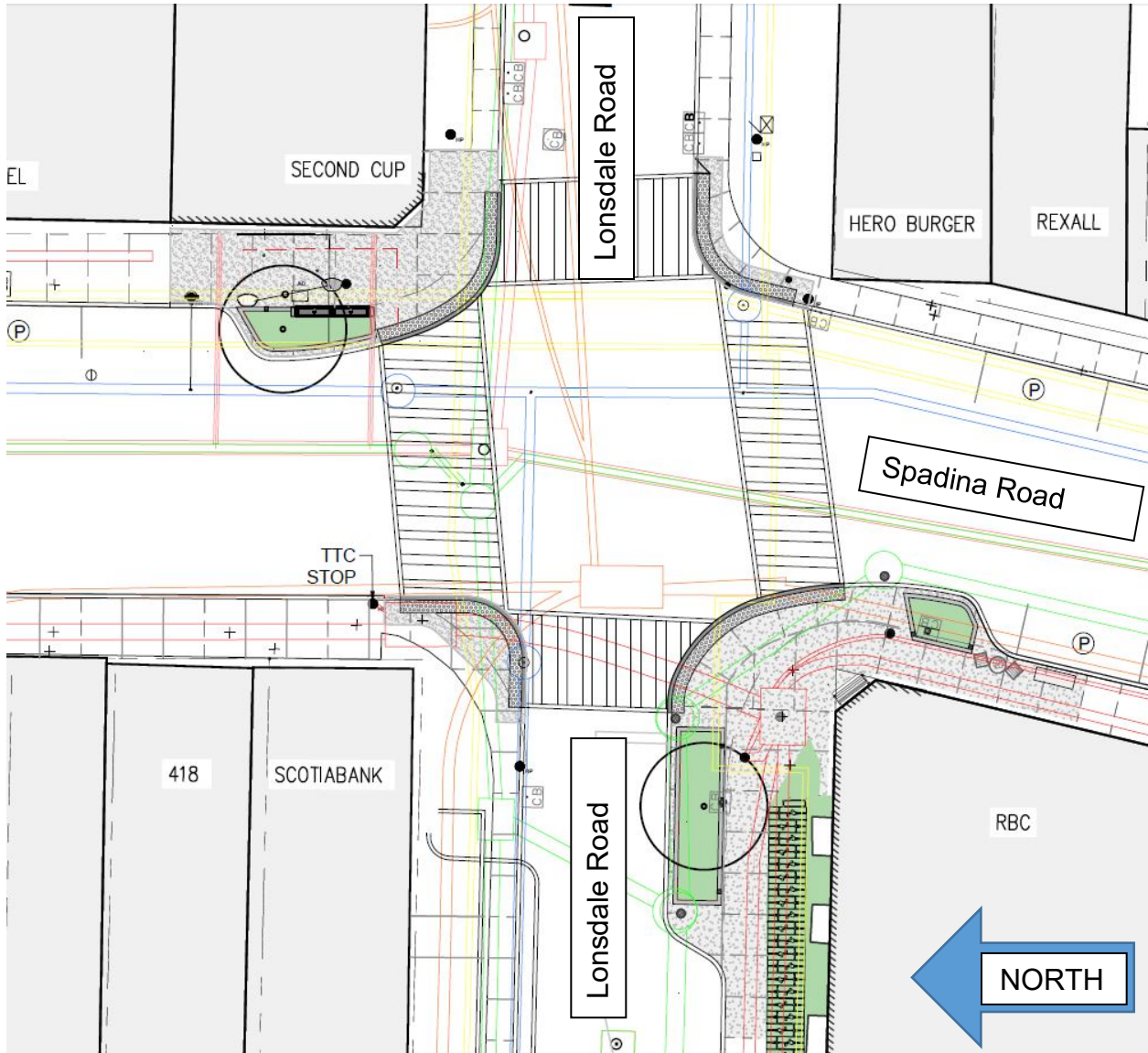
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Thelma Avenue and Spadina Road Intersection
Attachment 2: Lonsdale Road and Spadina Road
Attachment 3: Montclair Avenue and Spadina Road

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