Bay Cloverhill
Community Association

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Via email teycc@toronto.ca

Ms. Ellen Devlin
Secretariat
Toronto East York Community Council
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Dear Ms. Devlin:

> **Re: Item 26.50 Feasibility of a Temporary Closure on St. Nicholas Street from Phipps Street to St. Joseph Street**
> **Toronto East York Community Council Meeting June 24, 2021**

The Board and residents of the Bay Cloverhill Community Association support the temporary closure of St. Nicholas Street as noted above. Our neighbourhood values the local restaurants and strives to patronize local businesses. This becomes especially important during the pandemic with the lengthy restaurant restrictions that have massively affected the profitability of local businesses, such as Bar Volo. The location of this restaurant is challenging as it is not located on a main street. Bar Volo has a long history of operating in the Yonge/Wellesley area, having relocated from their Yonge Street location a few years ago.

St. Nicholas Street has minimal sidewalks and is a very narrow street, behaving more like a laneway than a side street. As of July 1, 2021, the 8 Wellesley Street East condominium construction closure of St. Nicholas Street from Wellesley Street to just south of the Five Condos loading dock, where Bar Volo is located, will prohibit vehicles from using St. Nicholas Street from Wellesley Street. Access on St. Nicholas Street must remain from Phipps Street for the Five Condos loading dock and Yonge Street businesses. There will be minimal additional inconvenience if St. Nicholas Street is closed from Phipps Street to St. Joseph Street.

In summary, a temporary street closure of St. Nicholas from St. Joseph to just north of Phipps, is strongly advocated for this year.

Sincerely,

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