



September 5, 2021

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor West
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Parking Amendments - Bay Street Item TE27.35 Ward 13

Dear Members of the TEYCC,

The BCCA strongly supports Transportation Services in their recommendation to remove the taxi stand at 955 Bay Street.

Furthermore, the BCCA's request for the removal of the taxi stand was based on the following rationale:

- The original sign no longer serves the purpose of a needed Taxi Stand for the previous Sutton Place Hotel.
- The taxi stand interrupts the Bay Street Urban Clearway. The TTC 6 bus and cyclists regularly have to swing around vehicles that are parked in the taxi stand that are not taxis. It is the only taxi stand that interrupts the Bay Street Urban Clearway.
- The Britt has frontage on 3 municipal streets. While the taxi stand cannot be relocated to Wellesley Street West due to the cycle track, it certainly can be relocated to Phipps Street on the north side of the building where they have a dedicated Loading Zone Lane.
- Vehicular safety should be paramount.
- Keeping this sign contravenes Vision Zero and cycling priority policies.

In summary, we feel that this location is neither safe nor appropriate as taxis and/or vehicles would be standing in a curb lane which is a bus route lane for TTC buses. Such a taxi stand would be equally dangerous for cyclists as this is the designated bike lane for Bay Street.

Cyclists and buses should not be expected to fight their way into traffic in their attempts to swerve around a taxi and/or vehicle waiting in the lane assigned for the specific use of bikes and buses.

Respectfully,

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Cathy Carnevali, BCCA Secretary
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Jack Candido, BCCA Director
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