

May 24, 2022

Chair and Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council
Etobicoke Civic Centre
399 The West Mall
Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2

Chair and Members of Committee:

**Re: Item EY32.20 of Etobicoke York Community Council – May 27, 2022
Convert Pedestrian Crossover to Traffic Control Signal – Cordova Avenue and
Central Park Roadway**

Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and its exclusive land use planning and real estate service provider.

TLC strongly supports Councillor Mark Grimes' motion for recommending City Council to authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Cordova Avenue, Central Park Roadway and the egress point of Islington Junior Middle School.

Pedestrian safety has become a significant concern for the school community due to existing traffic volumes and unsafe turns at this intersection and the area around the school. There are many active development applications being processed by the City or are currently under construction in the vicinity of the school. Some of these sites include:

DEVELOPMENT SITE	# OF UNITS	DEVELOPMENT SITE	# OF UNITS
1286-1294 Islington Avenue & 15-19 Cordova Avenue 25 Mabelle Avenue	612	5245-5249 Dundas Street West	376
12-20 Cordova Avenue	486	4916-4946 Dundas Street West	199
3429 Bloor Street West	325	3326 Bloor Street West & 1226 Islington Avenue	1,415
5415, 5421-5429 & 5435 Dundas Street West	150	64-70 Cordova Avenue	1,300
5230 Dundas Street West	2,795	5365 Dundas Street West	1,486
3741 Bloor Street West & 925 Kipling Avenue	2,130	26, 30-38 Burnhamthorpe Road & 45- 49 Burnhamthorpe Crescent	76
	2,700	TOTAL	14,050

The additional vehicular traffic volumes from these developments will only exacerbate safety concerns. The existing pedestrian crossover is not sufficient in protecting the safety of pedestrians today, or in the future once the above properties are developed. TLC's traffic consultant, HDR Corporation, has reviewed the traffic operations and safety of this intersection in light of the above development, and has concluded that the proposed traffic signal is warranted and recommended under existing and future conditions. The proposed traffic signal will improve traffic operations and provide much improved, safe pedestrian crossing for students and the community.

TLC is very much appreciative of the collaborative efforts and support of the Councillor's office in ensuring the safety of students and pedestrians in this community.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Amar Singh, Senior Planner at asingh.tlc@tdsb.on.ca.

Yours truly,



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