

Councillor
Gary Crawford

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April 1, 2022

Subject: Pedestrian safety on Gerrard Street East, between Victoria Park Avenue and Clonmore Drive

Dear Scarborough Community Council,

With traffic and pedestrian safety being of utmost importance, over the years I have consistently advocated for safety to be prioritized by directing Transportation Services staff to conduct the necessary studies and to follow up with the necessary changes required to provide a safer environment for residents. Measures have been initiated along Clonmore Drive and Gerrard Street East, from Warden Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue, to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Conditions continue to be assessed to determine additional improvements that will be part of future development in the area.

In response to safety concerns raised by Ward 20 residents regarding the impact of future development on pedestrian safety at Victoria Park Avenue and Gerrard Street East, I am requesting that Transportation Services consult with my office to ensure pedestrian safety is thoroughly reviewed and addressed upon completion of the park portion of development. I ask that staff report back with proposed measures that align with the principles of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, which are consistently applied throughout the City of Toronto.

Recommendation:

1. Scarborough Community Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Ward Councillor, to review and report back to Scarborough Community Council on the need for an additional protected pedestrian crossing on Gerrard Street East between Clonmore Drive and Blantyre Avenue, associated with the development at 411 Victoria Park Avenue and 2510 and 2530 Gerrard Street East. The review is to be undertaken upon completion of the future public park fronting on to Gerrard Street East between Clonmore Drive and Blantyre Avenue.

Sincerely,

Gary Crawford
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