



February 16, 2022

Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Council Members,

RE: Improving Pedestrian Safety at Front and Frederick

A proposal was submitted to my office with over 60 supporters on the importance of a crosswalk at Front and Frederick Streets.

The St. Lawrence community has long advocated for a crosswalk running north south at the corner at Front and Frederick. Young People's Theatre is on the south east corner, which hosts 85,000 patrons a year, along with their educational centre across the street, which requires children to cross Front Street East in order to access both facilities. Front Street East is heavily traveled and this will only worsen as the area is planned for further increase of new residents. Historically, traffic lights have been installed at every intersection on Front Street East between Parliament and Church Streets – with the exception of Frederick Street where the children's theatre is located. Furthermore, it is unlikely that young people will walk a block east to Sherbourne Street or west to George Street to cross at available lights.

As the Young People's Theatre undergoes necessary upgrades in the coming months, it will be imperative that the area is made safe and welcoming for patrons and students as they return in large numbers following the pandemic lockdowns. My office has worked with the St. Lawrence neighbourhood to become even more pedestrian friendly in recent years and this would be another crucial step forward.

Recommendations:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council direct Transportation staff to report back by the second quarter of 2022 on the feasibility of installing a traffic control signal at the intersection of Front Street and Frederick Street.

Respectfully submitted,

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