

April 21, 2022

SENT VIA EMAIL

Toronto East York City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON

Dear Councillors:

Re: Proposed Closure of Cumberland Street – Item 32.99

In response to Councillor Layton's request for Transportation to review the closure of Cumberland Street in between Old York Lane and Bellair Street, we are providing the following comments:

- 1) As this area contains all commercial buildings and street front businesses, all property owners, business members and the Bloor-Yorkville BIA must be consulted and involved in the process prior to any possible closure or pilot program.
- 2) There is no back lane behind this strip of properties, which results in all garbage pick up and deliveries coming from the front of the buildings. Some restaurants require daily pick up.
- 3) The temporary closure of the TPA lot on Cumberland Street has removed 1,100 parking spaces from the immediate area and street parking is in high demand by our customers.
- 4) We are not adverse to some street closures, as you will see the Bellair Street closure for Café TO on today's agenda and we support this along with our members. We are open to working with the City and our members of possible weekend or Sunday closures, on this section of Cumberland, *should* our members support such a pedestrianization program, through a proper consultation process, not a pilot.

Should this item be approved, it must be with the caveat that full and transparent consultation will take place with the City, the Bloor-Yorkville BIA and its membership.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Dr. David Homer
Urban Mobility and Safety Committee Chair

cc: Councillor Mike Layton, Ward 10 Toronto Centre-Rosedale