



May 24, 2022

TO: Toronto and East York Community Council

RE: Pedestrian Crossing Protection - Adelaide Street East and Ontario Street

AGENDA ITEM: 33.45

RECOMMENDATION: The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Adelaide Street East and Ontario Street (east intersection).

Dear Members of Community Council,

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association requests that this item be **DEFERRED** until other pending and planned changes in and around this intersection are more fully developed.

As outlined in the staff report, installation of a traffic signal at this intersection is, at best, a marginal priority. The above recommendation claims that “the traffic control signals will provide enhanced safety for vulnerable road users”, yet the intersection meets only one of the requirements for a traffic signal – *delay to cross traffic*. Note particularly that “collision statistics provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending March 31, 2022 disclosed **no** collisions at the area of Adelaide Street East and Ontario Street that involved crossing pedestrians”. (emphasis added)

Based only on the staff report, SLNA does not believe, at this time, that this traffic signal installation would be a priority or productive use of \$250,000.

Further, there are at least five active planning applications along Adelaide within 100 metres of the subject intersection which will affect three of the four corners. The preferred changes to corners, sidewalk and traffic lane widths, as detailed in the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood BIA Public Realm Master Plan (agenda item TE 29.60, adopted by Community Council November 24, 2021), will materially alter both the east and west intersections of Adelaide and Ontario Streets, cohesively with the changes already implemented on the northwest corner.

Plus, as also referenced in the staff report, the existing bike lane is being relocated to the north side of the street.

There have been no pedestrian safety issues at this intersection for the last three years. It would be impossible to install a traffic signal at this intersection at this time which would “fit” with all of the previously referenced planned and potential changes to this intersection (both east and west) and to the roadways on either side. Accordingly, the SLNA requests that this item be DEFERRED, and that the installation of a traffic signal not be approved at this time.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association is a not-for-profit community organization incorporated in 1983, which represents the interests of the more than 30,000 people who live in



the St. Lawrence neighbourhood – a number which continues to grow with many new residential buildings under construction or approved. The neighbourhood extends from Yonge St. to Parliament St. and from Queen St. to the rail corridor to the south. SLNA is working closely with the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood BIA to support implementation of the Public Realm Master Plan which prioritizes roadway and streetscape improvements in addition to a sustainable public space network that acts as a catalyst for private development in the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood.

The SLNA Board of Directors appreciates Community Council's consideration of its request.

Sincerely,

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St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

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