

Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors Playoff Season - Closure of Bremner Boulevard

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Permits & Enforcement, Transportation Services

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended to be inconsistent with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to temporarily close and amend the necessary traffic regulations on Bremner Boulevard between Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point east of the parking garage accesses servicing 15 and 25 York Street respectively, from Tuesday, April 4, 2023 to Thursday, June 25, 2023 to facilitate the Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment's viewing area for the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors 2023 playoff season.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Authorize the General Manager of Transportation Services to temporarily close Bremner Boulevard between Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point east of the parking garage accesses servicing 15 and 25 York Street respectively, from Tuesday, April 4, 2023 to Thursday, June 25, 2023 or the date the last team is eliminated, to facilitate Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment's viewing area during the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors 2023 playoff season and to amend the necessary traffic regulations; and

2. Authorize and direct the appropriate City Officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of any Bills that may be required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The permit costs for the 2023 Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors playoff season viewing area total approximately \$51,000 if the road closure is maintained for the full duration being requested (April 4 to June 25, 2023). The event organizers will be responsible for the full costs associated with the 2023 Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors playoff season viewing area. There are no direct budgetary implications to the City.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of April 21, 2022, by adoption of TE32.22 authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to temporarily close Bremner Boulevard between Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point east of the parking garage accesses servicing 15 and 25 York Street respectively, from Wednesday April 6, 2022 to Wednesday, July 6, 2022 or the date the last team is eliminated, to facilitate Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment's viewing area during the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors 2020 playoff season.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE32.22>

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of March 12, 2020, by adoption of TE4.37 authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to temporarily close Bremner Boulevard between Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point east of the parking garage accesses servicing 15 and 25 York Street respectively, from Sunday April 5, 2020 to Tuesday June 23, 2020 or the date the last team is eliminated, to facilitate Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment's viewing area during the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors 2020 playoff season.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.TE14.68>

COMMENTS

Municipal Code Chapter 937-3 authorizes the General Manager of Transportation Services to temporarily close to vehicular traffic any portion of a road for a period of not more than four consecutive days for social, recreational, community, athletic or cinematographic purposes. This proposed closure will be in effect for more than 4 days and, therefore, requires Community Council approval.

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) will be hosting viewing parties on Bremner Boulevard outside of Scotiabank Arena's Gate 6 during the 2023 Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors playoff season. MLSE has previously hosted viewing parties in this area for a number of years during home openers and playoff events. The requested temporary road closure is located on a portion of Bremner Boulevard between Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point east of the parking garages servicing

the buildings at 15 and 25 York Street. The road closure area will be maintained for the full duration of the playoffs with barricades installed at either end. The viewing area consists of one large screen for viewing and other activations and programming, all located along the perimeter of this portion of Bremner Boulevard in order to maintain emergency access on the roadway.

The planned closure is scheduled to expire on June 25, 2023 or earlier pending the status of the playoff season, essentially reopening the roadway upon the completion of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Raptors 2023 playoff season.

In addition, MLSE plans to close the north half of Bremner Boulevard between a point west of the parking garage at 15 and 25 York Street to York Street on viewing party days only. Access to the parking garages servicing the buildings at 15 and 25 York Street will be maintained at all times.

Leafs/Raptors Playoff Viewing Area –The traffic management plan has been reviewed and no significant issues have been identified with the proposed event road closure. City staff will continue to liaise internally and with area stakeholders as required, to ensure all of the traffic management measures for this event are carried out in a comprehensive manner.

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1. Road Closure Site Plan

