

Friday, September 29, 2023

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Committee Members,

RE: Extending the Market Street Closure between Front Street East and The Esplanade

At our meeting on February 23, 2023 we authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services to temporarily close Market Street between Front Street East and The Esplanade from June 1, 2023 to October 15, 2023 and to report back by our June 22, 2023 meeting with recommendations regarding closing this section of Market Street permanently.

This closure this past summer was very well received by the local community and tourists who flocked to the area. We haven't received a report back and now the temporary closure period is set to expire without recommendations on moving towards a permanent closure. I am requesting an extension of the temporary closure until such a time staff bring back a report with the recommendations for the permanent closure.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

- Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to extend the temporary closure of Market Street between Front Street East and The Esplanade until November 30, 2024 and direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back by the third quarter of 2024 to the Toronto and East York Community Council with recommendations regarding closing this section of Market Street permanently.
- Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to work with stakeholders and the St. Lawrence Business Improvement Area to come up with solutions for deliveries and waste collection, as required, through the permitting for the closure.

Respectfully submitted,



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