

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM18.33	ACTION			Ward: All
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Jameson On-Ramp Gate to Westbound F.G. Gardiner Expressway - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.
 * This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. Despite any other by-law, City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, to open the Westbound on-ramp to the Frederick G Gardiner Expressway from westbound Lake Shore Boulevard West at Jameson Avenue at any time between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday until October 31, 2027, inclusive, when, in the General Manager of Transportation Services’ opinion, opening is warranted to assist traffic flow in the area, such authority to extend for the duration of the Frederick. G. Gardiner Contract 2 works, Contract Number 22ECS-BE-01GE, which works are expected to be complete by October 31, 2027.

Summary

Contract 2 of the F. G. Gardiner Rehabilitation, to rehabilitate the elevated section between Dufferin Street and Strachan Avenue, is underway and expected to be completed in mid-2027. Over the past several weeks, staff have been working to develop a comprehensive plan to accelerate construction and reduce traffic impacts.

The ongoing construction works has created additional congestion on the Gardiner along with increased congestion on Lake Shore Boulevard West as drivers divert to Lake Shore Boulevard West to avoid the construction zone. Staff have identified that opening the Jameson Gate (westbound Gardiner on-ramp), which is located west of the Gardiner worksite, would help to relieve the traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard West by providing a route back on to the Gardiner expressway.

Currently, the Jameson Gate is closed between 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (p.m. peak period), Monday to Friday. This p.m. peak period closure has been in place since 2017 to manage the movement of traffic onto the Gardiner. With the Contract 2 Gardiner Rehabilitation works there is a need to enable diverted traffic to leave Lake Shore Boulevard West and rejoin the Gardiner.

The motion gives the General Manager, Transportation Services the ability to open the gate during the p.m. peak as required to better manage traffic movements on Lake Shore Boulevard West and control the flow of traffic onto the Gardiner.

Reason for Urgency: Changes to the Jameson gate are needed to address the increased traffic congestion on Lake Shore Boulevard West.

Background Information (City Council)

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