



May 3, 2024

VIA EMAIL – teycc@toronto.ca

Toronto East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Councillors

**Re: TE13.19 – Curb Lane Cafes – Bellair St. – 2024 Summer Closure
Letter of Support**

GYRA (Greater Yorkville Residents' Association) represents well over 10,000 residents living within our 53-member multi-residential buildings. We are writing in support of this item. Our residents enjoy the car and motorcycle free zone, making the expanded outdoor dining experience far more enjoyable.

In addition, we are proposing an amendment to Recommendation #2 . We are requesting that Traffic Services, in their study to be reported back to TEYCC in the 4th quarter of 2024, the following:

1. Include a full examination of Cumberland Street and Yorkville Ave. from Avenue Rd. to Bay St. on ways to improve the traffic congestion and the resulting excessive noise. This area experiences extreme congestion, and navigating the traffic is more often than not, very challenging to say the least.
2. Include closing Cumberland St. from Old York Lane to Bellair St. to vehicular traffic on weekends during the CafeTO months. This item was requested in 2022. Here is the link <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.TE32.99>
3. Include making part of Cumberland St. into a 2-way street from Avenue Rd. to Old York Lane, as was approved a few years ago.

We thank you in advance.

Yours truly,

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Alan Baker
GYRA, President

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Paul Bedford
GYRA, Director of Community Planning