



Implementing Community Plan to Pedestrianize a segment of Collier Street with s. 37 Funds

Dear Toronto and East York Community Council members:

SUMMARY:

In 2022, by **CC45.21 - 717 Church Street and 85, 89, 93 and 97 Collier Street - Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Request for Further Directions Regarding Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing**, Council agreed to settle the rezoning application for a small triangular parcel known as 717 Church Street, 85, 89, 93 and 97 Collier Street, to allow construction of a condominium development.

The settlement was amended by 2023 MM 11.26, to provide for, among other things, \$1 million in s. 37 funds for improvements to Collier Street plus, if possible, public art. At the request of the community, the primary purpose of the Collier Street improvements is to improve safety and access to public space by creating a pedestrian plaza at the west end of the site. Since that time, the applicant has worked closely with the neighbouring community and city staff to develop a plan for the pedestrian plaza. However, Transportation Services has not yet developed a procedure to implement this initiative, and has no unit responsible for it.

In May 2024, TEYCC authorized a construction management plan for TE13.23 - 717 Church Street, 85, 89, 93 and 97 Collier Street - Construction Staging Area. This plan has already closed the eastbound lane of Collier Street until February 2027. The construction project has accelerated the urgency of pedestrianization of Collier Street, due to reckless vehicles speeding through the area despite the large number of construction vehicles and reduced visibility.

This motion is to begin the process of pedestrianization with a temporary closure while the applicant and community work with Transportation Services to finalize the permanent pedestrian plaza.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the closure of the north curb lane on Collier Street, between Church Street and a point 45 metres east to all motor vehicles except emergency vehicles, from February 21, 2025 to January 31, 2027.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to work with the applicant at 717 Church Street and the neighbouring community on how to implement their joint proposal to pedestrianize the western portion of Collier Street abutting the site, and report back to the Toronto and East York Council in Q4 of 2025 with all necessary details.

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