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WARD 9 • DAVENPORT | DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

June 18, 2025

RE: Davenport Village Traffic Safety Plan

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Davenport Village is a rapidly growing neighbourhood bounded by Lansdowne Avenue on the east, Davenport Road on the north, railway tracks on the west, and Dupont Street on the south. Over two decades ago, a vision was developed and set in motion a plan to transform a heavily industrial zone into a liveable complete community.

Today's Davenport Village is a vibrant and dynamic neighbourhood full of new townhomes, factories converted into lofts, local coffee shops where neighbours gather, and beautiful green space at its core. With construction ongoing, hundreds of new families are expected to call Davenport Village home in the coming years.

However, traffic safety improvements have not kept pace with this transformation from an industrial area to a residential neighbourhood. Residents have shared concerns about frequent speeding, serious accidents, and near misses. In particular, there has been a sharp increase in cut-through traffic as drivers attempt to avoid crossing Davenport Road – making it unsafe for people walking in their own neighbourhood. Daily northbound vehicle backups along Foundry Avenue, caused by attempts to make left turns, create noise and dangerous intersection movements. As further development is completed and more families move in, there is an urgent need for immediate safety improvements.

At a community meeting I hosted earlier this year, I met with local residents to share a plan that improves safety for all road users and reduces cut-through traffic. Residents confirmed their strong support for the proposed plan and provided valuable feedback through a public survey. This final plan, based on the feedback through public consultation, proposes:

- **Traffic calming measures** on Foundry Avenue, Brandon Avenue, and Powerhouse Street
- **Turn restrictions** to reduce cut-through traffic on local streets
- **Critical intersection safety improvements**
- **Heavy truck prohibition** to prevent large vehicles from using residential streets as a cut-through
- **Expediting approved improvements** to enhance access to City services and traffic safety

The proposed measures will significantly improve road safety and ensure that everyone—residents and visitors—can safely explore the many great spaces located in Davenport Village.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the installation of traffic calming (speed humps) on the following roads:
 - a. Powerhouse Street, between Foundry Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue;
 - b. Foundry Avenue, between Powerhouse Street and Brandon Avenue;
 - c. Foundry Avenue, between Davenport Road and Powerhouse Street; and
 - d. Brandon Avenue, between Foundry Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a By-law to alter the roadway for the installation of one speed hump on Powerhouse Street, between Foundry Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. TC-538, dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a By-law to alter the roadway for the installation of two speed humps on Foundry Avenue, between Powerhouse Street and Brandon Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. TC-539, dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.
4. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a By-law to alter the roadway for the installation of three speed humps on Foundry Avenue, between Davenport Road and Powerhouse Street, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. TC-540, dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.
5. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare a By-law to alter the roadway for the installation of one speed hump on Brandon Avenue, between Foundry Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue, generally as shown on the attached Drawing No. TC-541, dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services.
6. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a 30 km/hr speed limit on Brandon Avenue, between Foundry Avenue and Lansdowne Avenue.
7. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a 30 km/hr speed limit on Foundry Avenue, between Powerhouse Street and Brandon Avenue.
8. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Foundry Avenue, between Brandon Avenue and Davenport Road.
9. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Powerhouse Street, between Lansdowne Avenue and Foundry Avenue.
10. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Brandon Avenue, between Lansdowne Avenue and Foundry Avenue.
11. Toronto and East York Community Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, conduct a comprehensive intersection safety review at Foundry

Avenue and Davenport Road and report to the local councillor on proposed changes to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

12. Toronto and East York Community Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, conduct a comprehensive intersection safety review at Caledonia Park Road and Davenport Road and report to the local councillor on proposed changes to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.
13. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the Executive Director, Development Review, in consultation with the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services, and the General Manager, Transportation Services, investigate options to fully assume Foundry Avenue, between Powerhouse Street and Brandon Avenue, as a public highway and report on a plan to the local councillor by September 1, 2025.
14. Toronto and East York Community Council request the Executive Director, Development Review, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, identify options to expedite the installation of traffic control signals at Lansdowne Avenue and Brandon Avenue approved as part of the 900 and 980 Lansdowne Avenue and 30 Powerhouse Street Official Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Memorandum from Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services re: Heavy Truck Prohibitions – Foundry Avenue, Powerhouse Street, and Brandon Avenue

Attachment 2: Memorandum from Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services re: Foundry Avenue, Powerhouse Street, and Brandon Avenue - Traffic Calming (Speed Humps)

Attachment 3: Drawing No. TC-538 dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Attachment 4: Drawing No. TC-539 dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Attachment 5: Drawing No. TC-540 dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Attachment 6: Drawing No. TC-541 dated June 2025 from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services