

July 7, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: Designating a Portion of Fort York Boulevard as a Community Safety Zone

Summary:

Dear Chair and Colleagues,

As the local Councillor, I often hear from residents who are concerned about pedestrian safety on Fort York Boulevard, between Spadina Avenue and Dan Leckie Way.

At this location, Fort York Boulevard is a minor arterial road where vehicles often travel in excess of the posted 30km/h limit. Providing access to many important community resources in this neighbourhood, this stretch of road sees a high level of foot traffic. Pedestrians using Fort York Boulevard often include school-age children travelling to and from Jean Lumb Public School, Bishop Macdonnell Catholic School, The Neighbourhood Group Child Care Centre, as well as visitors to Canoe Landing Community Recreation Centre and Canoe Landing Park. As you know, Vision Zero strategies in the City of Toronto recognise that excessive speeds are a contributing factor to traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

In the past, I have worked with Transportation Services to review this stretch of Fort York Boulevard for road safety measures. However, the designation of this road as a Community Safety Zone presents a unique opportunity to permanently create safer conditions for pedestrians through the designation of a Community Safety Zone and the subsequent increase in fines for speeding.

Recommendation:

1. City Council designate a Community Safety Zone in effect at all times on both sides of Fort York Boulevard, between Spadina Avenue and Dan Leckie Way.

Sincerely,

Deputy Mayor Malik Ward 10, Spadina Fort-York

Attachment 1 – Memorandum from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services on Fort York Boulevard Community Safety Zone

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