



City Councillor
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Ward 11, University–Rosedale

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Children’s Safety in Jean Sibelius Square

Dear Toronto and East York Community Council members:

SUMMARY:

A small but heavily used park and playground, Jean Sibelius Square, is entirely surrounded by residential streets. A paved path across the park, which crosses between two play areas, is currently used by both pedestrians and cyclists. Using this path to cross the park saves cyclists a few seconds in comparison to going around on the residential streets that surround it. However, this creates a situation of danger to pedestrians, especially small children.

Tragically, a four-year-old child was recently knocked down and seriously injured by a cyclist on this path. Following the collision, city staff reviewed the area and adding signs asking cyclists to proceed slowly. This has not resulted in any meaningful change and has not eliminated the risk of further collisions and injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Dianne Saxe recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to install signage to prohibit bicycle use on paved paths in Jean Sibelius Square to ensure they are for pedestrians use only.