



April 1, 2025

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: 2025.TE21.26 - 1 Roxborough Street West - Construction Staging Area

Dear Chair Moise and Members of the Committee,

The ABC Residents Association is a volunteer organization with a strong track record of enhancing the quality of life in our neighbourhood through active participation in municipal issues. We serve the residents living in Toronto's Yorkville/North Midtown community between Yonge Street west to Avenue Road and Bloor Street north to the CPR tracks.

We write to request four simple but important amendments to the staff recommendations for the 1 One Roxborough Street West Construction Plan - Item 2025.TE 21.26.

We have studied the staff report for the Construction Staging Area and spoken to City Staff, who have been most helpful and informative. The revised March 26th staff report describes the Haul Route Plan more precisely, and explicitly prohibits heavy truck traffic from using Roxborough Avenue for site access or egress. We appreciate the City staff's clarification.

These additional site-specific guidance we request seeks to clarify expectations and facilitate smoother and safer construction for the applicant and the community at large.

1. Paragraph 4, Page 1 - Add to the haul route plan a statement cautioning heavy trucks from infiltrating into other local residential streets between St. Clair, Davenport, Avenue Rd. and Mt. Pleasant.

This is a cautionary statement because heavy truck drivers are paid by the hour, encouraging them to take the shortest and fastest routes and potentially leading to unsafe heavy truck traffic infiltrating these local residential areas.

2. Paragraph 15 -Add to this section a statement requiring the applicant to notify the Communication Hub Committee in advance of this large-scale work and provide next-day daily updates on these construction activities.

Paragraph 15 states that Toronto and East York Community Council direct the applicant to provide a sufficient number of pay-duty Police Officers, as determined by the Work Zone Coordinator and Toronto Police Construction Liaison Officer, during large-scale concrete pours and material deliveries to control vehicle access and egress to and from the site and maintain a safe environment for the public.

3. Add a statement requiring the applicant to provide a safe off-street staging area for trucks that does not block vehicles and/or bike traffic lanes on Yonge Street,

4. Add a requirement for adherence to the Noise Bylaw and the Idling Bylaw.

(we understand an exception to the Idling Bylaw is made for cement trucks)

Background:

One Roxborough, a small site at a complex intersection on Yonge Street, has two active development projects and a City water-main construction project that are active nearby. With additional projects likely to begin along this section of Yonge Street before this site is completed, the impact on our community is significant. We share your concern about the lives affected or lost due to heavy construction trucks navigating our busy Toronto streets; sadly there have been two deaths by truck in our neighbourhood in the past year. We are grateful for Councillor Saxe's constant vigilance and advocacy to avoid these tragedies. The ABCRA area will have numerous active construction sites for several years and we are committed to addressing these issues and cooperating with the developers and city staff to improve construction safety for our residents.

We appreciate your consideration and encourage you to approve these amendments. With your support, we are confident we can improve construction safety together.

Thank you,

John Caliendo and Ian Carmichael
Co Chairs ABC Residents Association.