



SOUTH EGLINTON DAVISVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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To: Toronto City Council

**Re: MM43.42 - Pedestrian Safety Improvements Surrounding Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue
- by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle**

The South Eglinton Davisville Residents Association is writing to formally express our strong support for the implementation of pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton in Toronto, ideally resulting in a pedestrian scramble. This intersection is one of the city's most significant urban nodes, serving substantial volumes of pedestrians, transit users, and motorists daily. Its current signal configuration no longer reflects the intensity or complexity of activity occurring at this location.

A pedestrian scramble would provide a dedicated all-walk phase, eliminating conflicts between pedestrians and turning vehicles. This change would reduce near-miss incidents, improve predictability for all road users, and create a safer, more efficient crossing environment. Given the high proportion of turning movements and the consistently heavy foot traffic, the benefits of such a configuration are both clear and compelling.

The proposed scramble also aligns with Toronto's broader policy objectives, including **Vision Zero, transit-oriented development**, and the promotion of **active transportation**. With the opening of the Crosstown LRT and continued residential and commercial growth in the area, pedestrian volumes will only increase. Implementing a scramble is a proactive measure that anticipates and accommodates this growth.

Yonge and Eglinton is a designated urban centre, and its public realm should reflect that status. A pedestrian scramble would contribute to a more welcoming, intuitive, and people-focused environment, reinforcing the area's role as a major hub within the city. We know the pedestrian volume supports such an initiative.

For these reasons, SEDRA respectfully urges the City of Toronto to proceed with this motion from Councillor Matlow. These improvements would meaningfully enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall functioning of this important intersection.

Sincerely,

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