

Date: April 29, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Gregg Loane, Deputy General Manager (A)

Re: **Traffic Safety for School Children in St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
(Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York)**

Transportation Services has requested a local councillor to present the recommendations outlined below to Toronto and East York Community Council requesting approval in lieu of a staff report. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the member's submission.

Construction for the David Crombie Park Revitalization project has led to a significant increase in school children pedestrian crossing demand at the intersection of George Street South and Wilton Street, as recess and other play time activities for students at the Downtown Alternative School and St. Michael's Catholic School have relocated from the west side of George Street South to the east side. In order to enhance safety for school children, installation of all-way stop control is recommended.

This memorandum is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Summary

- ☒ Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☐ Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☐ Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

Draft Recommendations

1. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize all-way compulsory stop control at the intersection of George Street South and Wilton Street;
2. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing School Bus Loading Zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the west side of George Street South, between a point 22 metres south of The Esplanade and a point 22 metres further south;

3. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a School Bus Loading Zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the west side of George Street South, between a point 8 metres south of The Esplanade and a point 22 metres further south;
4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the west side of George Street South, between The Esplanade and a point 44 metres south;
5. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of George Street South, between The Esplanade and a point 8 metres south; and
6. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of George Street South, between a point 30 metres south of The Esplanade and a point 14 metres further south.

Construction for the David Crombie Park (DCP) Revitalization project began in March 2026, closing Block 2 of DCP, between Lower Jarvis Street and George Street South. Prior to construction, students at the adjacent Downtown Alternative School and St. Michael's Catholic School utilized Block 2 for recess and other play time before and after school dismissal. Construction of Block 2 has relocated recess and other play time activities to the adjacent Block 3 of DCP, between George Street South and Frederick Street. This has resulted in a high volume of young children crossing George Street South at Wilton Street, at an uncontrolled and unmarked crosswalk.

As part of the DCP Revitalization project and planned upgrades to the existing bikeway on The Esplanade, a new compulsory all-way stop control (AWSC) will be installed at the intersection of George Street South and Wilton Street. The existing school bus loading zone on the west side of George Street South north of Wilson Street will shift slightly northbound as a result of the new AWSC and construction of a curb extension and raised crosswalk. The roadway construction portion of the project is scheduled to occur near the end of the contract in 2027-2028.

However, given the increase in students crossing George Street South at Wilton Street as a result of construction of Block 2, installation of the AWSC and associated changes to the school bus loading zone are recommended to occur as soon as possible to enhance crossing safety.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for installation of all-way compulsory stop control at the intersection of George Street South and Wilton Street is \$1,500. Funding is anticipated to be available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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