

April 30 2026
Toronto City Hall
Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: TE32.46 - Pedestrianizing Church Street Pilot

To Chair Moise, Vice-Chair Malik, and Councillors Bradford, Bravo, Fletcher, Matlow, Perks, and Saxe,

Friends and Families for Safe Streets (FFSS) is a group of people whose loved ones were senselessly killed in violent traffic crashes, and people who survived a preventable crash with severe, life altering injuries. All of the trauma, violence and loss that was inflicted on us, very suddenly and utterly against our will, could have been prevented with effective Vision Zero measures, including pedestrianization.

We are writing today to convey our strong support to pedestrianize Church St from June 19 to August 21 2026, and beyond.

To put it simply, when there are no motorists on a street, a motorist cannot crash into and severely injure or kill someone. From a road safety perspective, Toronto needs more pedestrianized streets, in every ward. Streets free of car traffic bring a sense of joy, freedom, peace and quiet, cleaner air, enhanced economic activity, vibrancy, and most important, safety. Cities around the world are embracing pedestrian streets, while Toronto lags behind. This is such a small, simple and immensely beneficial thing for our City to do.

Please vote in favour of this motion.

Thank you,



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Chair, Friends and Families for Safe Streets