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[History: Adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto July 6, 2000 by By-law 455-2000¹]

General References

Filming - See Ch. 459.

Sidewalk Cafés, Parklets and Marketing Displays – See Ch. 742

Parking machines and meters - See Ch. 910.

Permit parking - See Ch. 925.

Traffic and parking - See Ch. 950.

§ 937-1. Construction work initiated by City or utility companies.

[Amended 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services of the City of Toronto may temporarily close any highway or portion of a highway for any period during the construction, repairing or improvement of the highway or portion of it or of any works under, over, along, across or upon the highway or portion of highway where such construction, repair or improvement is initiated by the City of Toronto or is initiated by a utility company with statutory rights or a municipal access agreement with the City of Toronto allowing occupancy of the highway.

¹ Editor's Note: This by-law was passed under the authority of paragraphs 43 and 44 of section 207 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45.

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§ 937-2. Construction work privately initiated.

[Amended 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services of the City of Toronto may temporarily close any highway or part of a highway for a period up to and including 30 days during the construction, repairing or improvement of the highway or portion of it or of any works under, over, along, across or upon the highway or portion of highway where such construction, repair or improvement is privately initiated other than by a utility company with statutory rights or a municipal access agreement with the City of Toronto allowing occupancy of the highway.

§ 937-2.1. Reserved².

§ 937-3. Closure for social, recreational, community, athletic or cinematographic purposes.

[Amended 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services of the City of Toronto may temporarily close to vehicular traffic any highway or portion of a highway for a period of not more than four consecutive days for social, recreational, community, athletic or cinematographic purpose, or combination of such purposes.

§ 937-3.1. Closure for purposes of 2021, 2022 and 2023 Honda Indy Toronto Race.

[Added 2003-02-07 by By-law 51-2003; amended 2005-05-19 by By-law 398-2005; 2009-04-06 by By-law 410-2009; 2012-05-09 by By-law 638-2012; amended 2015-05-07 by By-law 478-2015; 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016; 2018-03-28 by By-law 279-2018; 2021-03-01 by By-law 189-2021]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services of the City of Toronto may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic any highway or portion of a highway for such periods as required for the purposes of the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Honda Indy Toronto automobile race.

§ 937-3.2. Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT Project.

[Added 2016-04-01 by By-law 295-2016]

Despite any other by-law, until January 1, 2022, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic any highway or portion of a highway for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days as required for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT Project.

² Editor's Note: Section 937-2.1. entitled "Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown Project" was deleted April 1, 2016 by By-law 294-2016.

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§ 937-3.3. Closures of the W.R. Allen Road for the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT Project.

[Added 2016-07-15 by By-law 768-2016]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, from July 18, 2016 to and including January 1, 2018, the General Manager, Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic the W.R. Allen Road, including its entry and exit roadway ramps, for a period of up to and including 4 consecutive days on up to and including 12 occasions as required for the purposes of construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT project.

§ 937-3.4. Closures of the W.R. Allen Road for the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT Project.

[Added 2017-12-08 by By-law 1438-2017]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, from January 1, 2018 to and including January 1, 2022, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic the W.R. Allen Road, including its entry and exit roadway ramps, for a period of up to and including 4 consecutive days on up to and including 12 occasions as required for the purposes of construction of the Metrolinx Eglinton Crosstown LRT project.

§ 937-3.5. Closures of Black Creek Drive immediately north of Eglinton Avenue West to facilitate the construction of Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway.

[Added 2018-02-01 by By-law 148-2018]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, from February 1, 2018 to and including December 31, 2019, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily partially close Black Creek Drive immediately north of Eglinton Avenue West to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for any period as required to facilitate the construction of Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway and may fully close Black Creek Drive immediately north of Eglinton Avenue West to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for up to and including ten (10) weekends to facilitate the construction of Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway.

§ 937-3.6. Closures of King Street West and King Street East for the King Street Transit Pilot - Outdoor Cafes and Public Installations in the Curb Lane Public Spaces.

[Added 2018-03-27 by By-law 338-2018; amended 2018-12-13 by By-law 62-2019; 2019-04-17 by By-law 587-2019; amended 2019-11-27 by By-law 1652-2019]

Despite any other by-law, until April 14, 2023, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular traffic portions of the curb lanes on King Street West and King Street East for any length of time but ending no later than April 14, 2023 or the King Street Transit Pilot - Outdoor Cafes and Public Installations in the Curb Lane Public Spaces.

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§ 937-3.7. Closures of York Street between Bremner Boulevard and Lake Shore Boulevard West for the construction of the York Street PATH tunnel.

[Added 2018-05-24 by By-law 658-2018]

Despite any other by-law, until May 31, 2020 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic York Street between Bremner Boulevard and Lake Shore Boulevard West, to a maximum of two lanes of traffic, for a period up to and including 270 consecutive days but ending no later than May 31, 2020 inclusive, as required for the purposes of construction of the York Street PATH tunnel.

§ 937-3.8. Metrolinx Finch West LRT corridor.

[Added 2018-05-24 by By-law 660-2018; amended 2019-05-15 by By-law 787-2019]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days, until August 31, 2023, as required for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Finch West LRT corridor.

§ 937-3.9. Metrolinx Regional Express Rail and SmartTrack Projects.

[Added 2018-05-24 by By-law 660-2018]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days, until March 31, 2025, as required for the purposes of the construction of the Metrolinx Regional Express Rail and SmartTrack projects.

§ 937-3.10. Closures of Black Creek Drive between Photography Drive and Eglinton Avenue West for the construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway.

[Added 2018-05-24 by By-law 660-2018³]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, from May 23, 2018 to and including December 31, 2019, to facilitate the construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway, the General Manager may temporarily partially close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic Black Creek Drive between Photography Drive and Eglinton Avenue West for any period as required and may temporarily fully close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic Black Creek Drive between Photography Drive and Eglinton Avenue West for up to 72 consecutive hours for any number of occasions.

³ Editor's Note: Section 4 of By-law 660-2018 added new § 937-3.10. This new Section came into effect May 23, 2018.

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§ 937-3.11. Closures of the north side of Eglinton Avenue West between Black Creek Drive and Municipal Drive.

[Added 2018-05-24 by By-law 660-2018⁴]

Despite any other by-law, from May 23, 2018 to and including December 31, 2022, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close the north side of Eglinton Avenue West between Black Creek Drive and Municipal Drive to pedestrian traffic for any period as required to facilitate the construction of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT elevated guideway.

§ 937-3.12. Closures of Highway 27 for the Finch West LRT Project.

[Added 2019-05-15 by By-law 787-2019; amended 2019-10-03 by By-law 1386-2019; amended 2020-05-28 by By-law 381-2020]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, until August 31, 2023 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic portions of Highway 27, between 500 metres north of Finch Avenue West and 500 metres south of Humber College Boulevard, for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than August 31, 2023, inclusive, as required for the purposes of construction of the Finch West Light Rail Transit.

§ 937-3.13. Parklet cafés and public parklets.

[Added 2019-06-19 by By-law 899-2019⁵; amended 2020-06-29 by By-law 452-2020; amended 2021-02-05 by By-law 51-2021]

Despite any other by-law, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular traffic the curb lanes or any portion thereof of any highway for a period up to and including 180 consecutive days from April 15 of one year to November 15 of that same year as required for the purposes of permitting parklet cafés or public parklets when an applicant has been issued a permit under Chapter 742, Sidewalk Cafés, Parklets and Marketing Displays, or for a period up to and including 187 consecutive days where a 2020/22 café has been approved by the General Manager of Transportation Services from no earlier than May 8, 2021 to no later than November 10, 2021, inclusive, under Chapter 742, Sidewalk Cafés, Parklets and Marketing Displays.

§ 937-3.14. Closures of the Don Valley Parkway Ramps at Eglinton Avenue East for Purposes of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit Project.

[Added 2019-06-19 by By-law 952-2019]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, from 11:00 p.m. on Friday to 5:00 a.m. on Monday for up to and including four weekends between June 20, 2019 and December 31, 2019, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to vehicular traffic each of the Don

⁴ Editor's Note: Section 5 of By-law 660-2018 added new § 937-3.11. This new Section came into effect May 23, 2018.

⁵ Editor's Note: By-law 899-2019, which adds Subsection 937-3.13 regarding "Parklet cafés and public parklets" comes into force on September 1, 2019.

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Valley Parkway southbound off-ramp to Eglinton Avenue East, the Eglinton Avenue East westbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway southbound, the Eglinton Avenue East westbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway northbound, the Eglinton Avenue East eastbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway southbound, the Eglinton Avenue East eastbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway northbound and the Don Valley Parkway northbound off-ramp to Eglinton Avenue East, to facilitate the installation of electrical infrastructure and road paving for the purposes of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit Project.

§ 937-3.15. Line 2 Scarborough Subway Extension.

[Added 2020-01-29 by By-law 116-2020]

Despite any other by-law, until December 31, 2030 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, as required for the purpose of the construction of the Line 2 Scarborough Subway Extension.

§ 937-3.16. Ontario Line excluding the proposed above ground section of the Ontario Line between the Don River and Gerrard Street.

[Added 2021-02-05 by By-law 43-2021]

Despite any other by-law, until December 31, 2030 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, as required for the purpose of the construction of Ontario Line excluding the proposed above ground section of the Ontario Line between Don River and Gerrard Street.

§ 937-3.17. Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.

[Added 2021-02-05 by By-law 43-2021]

Despite any other by-law, until December 31, 2030 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2030, inclusive, as required for the purpose of the construction of Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.

§ 937-3.18. Toronto Transit Commission's Easier Access Phase Three Projects.

[Added 2021-04-08 by By-law 217-2021]

Despite any other by-law, until December 31, 2025 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to pedestrian and vehicular traffic highways or portions of highways, with the exception of any highway or portion of highway in Ward 14 –

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Toronto-Danforth, for a period up to and including 365 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2025, inclusive, as required for the purpose of the construction of the Toronto Transit Commission's Easier Access Phase Three Projects.

§ 937-3.19. Closures of Black Creek Drive and W.R. Allen Road for ActiveTO.

[Added 2021-04-08 by By-law 251-2021]

Despite any other by-law and § 937-4, until December 31, 2021 inclusive, the General Manager of Transportation Services may temporarily close to motor vehicle traffic (not including bicycles) Black Creek Drive, between Lawrence Avenue West and Weston Road, and W.R. Allen Road, between Lawrence Avenue West and Eglinton Avenue West, for a period up to and including 4 consecutive days but ending no later than December 31, 2021, inclusive, as required for the purpose of ActiveTO.

§ 937-4. Closures which require Council approval.

[Amended 2000-10-05 by By-law 869-2000; 2015-07-09 by By-law 812-2015; 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016; 2016-04-01 by By-law 295-2016; 2018-05-24 by By-law 660-2018; 2019-06-19 by By-law 899-2019⁶; 2020-01-29 by By-law 116-2020; 2021-02-05 by By-law 43-2021; 2021-04-08 by By-law 217-2021]

The General Manager of Transportation Services' authority as set out in §§ 937-2, 937-3, 937-3.2, 937-3.8, 937-3.9", 937-3.13, 937-3.15, 937-3.16, 937-3.17 and 937-3.18 shall not extend to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, the Don Valley Parkway, the W.R. Allen Road, Black Creek Drive or Highway 27, closures of which require Council approval.

§ 937-5. Ward councillor to be notified; recommendation from community council or standing committee.

[Amended 2000-10-05 by By-law 869-2000; 2003-02-07 by By-law 51-2003; 2007-03-06 by By-law 176-2007; 2016-04-01 by By-law 294-2016; 2021-04-08 by By-law 251-2021]

Notwithstanding §§ 937-1 to 937-3.1, inclusive, and § 937-3.19, the General Manager of Transportation Services shall, prior to approving any temporary street closure under §§ 937-1 to 937-3.1 or under § 937-3.19, notify the ward councillor(s) in whose ward the road closure is pending of the pending closure. If requested by the affected ward's councillor, the General Manager of Transportation Services shall not approve the temporary street closure but shall report the matter to the appropriate community council for final decision under delegated authority, or for recommendation to Council for final decision.

⁶ Editor's Note: By-law 899-2019, which adds the phrase "937-3.13" to this subsection, comes into force on September 1, 2019.