



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Extension of Temporary Curb Lane Closure Duration –
Richmond Street East**

Date:	April 24, 2009
To:	City Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Centre Rosedale, Ward 28
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SUMMARY

Bird Construction Company is building a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East, on the northeast corner of Richmond Street East and Berti Street. They need to continue to close the north curb lane on Richmond Street East to vehicular traffic in order to complete construction.

Bird Construction Company also needs to continue to close the public laneway at the rear of the property and the east sidewalk on Berti Street. These matters are dealt with in a companion report “Extension of Sidewalk and Laneway Closure Duration – Berti Street” requiring Toronto and East York Community Council approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Council approve the following action:

1. Continue to close the north curb lane on Richmond Street East, from Berti Street to a point 75 metres east of Berti Street, to vehicular traffic, to September 6, 2009.

Financial Impact

This development is being undertaken by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and is not subject to permit fees per Council’s exemption policies for non-profit housing. Therefore, the typical fees for occupying the public right-of-way will not be charged. There are no costs for this project that will impact the Current Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of September 26 and 27, 2007, in considering Item TE8.104, among other things, approved the closure of the curb lane on the north side of Richmond

Street East, between Berti Street and a point 75 metres further east, to set up a staging area to construct a 12-storey housing cooperative at 60 Richmond Street East.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a letter from Bird Construction Company advising that they need to keep the north curb lane of Richmond Street East, from Berti Street to a point 75 metres east of Berti Street, closed because the construction activity is not yet complete. They have requested the closure to be extended from November 30, 2008 to September 6, 2009. Chapter 937-2 of the Municipal Code authorizes staff to issue road closure permits of up to 30 days for private construction. This closure will be in effect for an additional 9 months and needs Council's approval.

COMMENTS

Richmond Street East is 12.8 metres wide and operates one-way with four lanes in the westbound direction. The TTC 143 and 144 bus routes operate on this portion of Richmond Street East.

Reasons for the partial road closure

Bird Construction Company has advised us that, due to delays in the project, they need to keep the north curb lane of Richmond Street East, from Berti Street to a point 75 metres east of Berti Street, closed until September 6, 2009, when the work will be complete.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9641, dated April, 2009

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