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Walk Toronto  
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Dear Walk Toronto,

**Re: Installation of Maximum Speed Limit Signs on Bayview Avenue Prior to City Council Approval**

Your letter of December 19, 2017 to Barbara Gray, General Manager, Transportation Services has been forwarded for my attention. I trust this response will describe the circumstances that unfortunately led to the installation of the new speed limit signage on Bayview Avenue, in advance of City Council approval.

As has become common practice, the Signs and Markings Unit creates Work Orders for the installation/removal of signs to support traffic and parking control changes in advance of approval by City or Community Councils. This practice allows for the fabrication of signs and acquisition of any required underground utility locates while the issues are being debated. By initiating this approach the delay between the time the bills/by-laws are approved and when the signs are installed is significantly reduced.

In this instance the deferral of the Bayview Avenue speed limit item at the November meeting of City Council meant that the signs and required underground utility locates were obtained in advance of the approval of the bills/by-laws at the December Council meeting. Given that deferrals are uncommon in traffic related issues, the tracking of completion of the required work became that much more difficult and unfortunately the signs were installed early.

I understand how our practice of creating Work Orders in advance of the bill/by-law approval process has, in this instance, created some confusion and concern for residents and road users. However, in over 99% of the work we undertake annually, the installation of new parking/traffic signs occur with as little delay as possible after they are approved by either Community or City Council. Any changes to this practice would result in longer delay, which could be perceived as unreasonable.

Given this specific situation we are taking this opportunity to review our practices, with specific attention on the tracking of approval by City or Community Councils.

In relation to the Motion by Councillor Matlow, which directs the General Manager Transportation Services to look at additional pedestrian safety measures in this location, staff will be undertaking a detailed review of this corridor early in the new year. Consideration will be given towards the implementation of safety improvements such as the addition of sidewalks, wayfinding and additional bollards along the cycle track. In addition, every reasonable opportunity to improve accessibility and reduce conflicts for transit riders will be considered.

I trust that this is helpful and would like to apologize for any issues the early installation of the signs may have caused.

Yours truly,



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