



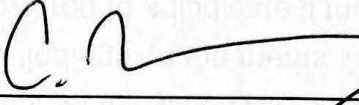
Community Concerns and Bus Routes on Local Roads – Review & Consideration of the Use of Electric Vehicles

Moved by:



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Seconded by:



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Summary

Bus service is a critical part of TTC service and measures to increase and enhance it are a critical part of any ridership growth strategy. TTC bus service on local roads in quiet residential neighbourhoods has its own particular set of challenges. This Notice of Motion is to request a review of TTC policies and practices so that we might meet that challenge better and so enhance our relationships with the community we serve.

Residents of a neighbourhood north of Bloor Street have raised concerns about road safety, noise and air quality resulting from a manifold increase in the 75 Sherbourne Bus service as a result of increased demand at the other end of the route. TTC staff have worked with the community to try to address concerns about idling, illegal parking, speeding, and road safety. Nonetheless, problems still persist.

There are no doubt other neighbourhoods in the city with similar issues and there will no doubt be more. In the spirit of the fine work done by the TTC to develop a better Second Exit Location Site Selection process that engages the local community, I am requesting something similar – though on a much smaller scale – be done with these bus routes with respect to local road concerns. One consideration for such a review would be to consider the use of electric buses on routes that run on collector and local roads.

Though other concerns will play a role in where the new electric vehicles are tested, if impacts on local neighbourhoods could be considered part of the evaluation as to what routes these new buses are assigned that too would be helpful.

Recommendation

1. TTC Staff review the operations of the 75 Sherbourne Bus to see how electric buses and other measures could minimize the impacts along the residential neighbourhoods through which they operate. Such a review would include community outreach, as well as recommendations on a deployment plan along key routes across the city particularly neighbourhoods experiencing similar issues.

2. TTC Staff to report on the ebus roll-out plan including details on charging stations and infrastructure requirements and considers the feasibility of prioritizing the use of electric buses on routes that run on local and collector roads.