



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Proposed Permanent Closure of an untravelled portion of New Crescent, between 697 & 699 Danforth Road

<b>Date:</b>	April 21, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc09039

### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council does not have delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services recommends that the untravelled portion of New Crescent, illustrated as Part 1, Sketch No. PS-2003-100 on attachment no. 1 be permanently closed.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council recommends that City Council:**

1. Permanently close the untravelled public highway illustrated as Part 1 on the attached Location Map (part of Public Highway “New Crescent”), subject to compliance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, and subject to City Council declaring the land surplus and authorizing the sale of the lands to the Habitat for Humanity.
2. Authorize Transportation Services staff to give notice to the public of the proposed by-law to close the untravelled Public Highway, in accordance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, with the Scarborough Community Council to hear any member of the public who wishes to speak to the matter during consideration of the proposed draft by-law.

3. Authorize Transportation Services staff to advise the public of the proposed closure of the noted public highway prior to implementation, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule “A+” activities, by posting notice of the proposed closure on the notice page of the City’s web site for at least five working days prior to the Scarborough Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close this portion of untravelled public highway will be considered.

### **Financial Impact**

The subject closing will not result in any costs to the City of Toronto as Habitat will be required to pay all costs associated with the closing of the Highway as part of the sale transaction. Financial compensation will be realized from the sale of the Highway.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

In accordance with the City’s Real Estate Disposal By-law, No. 814-2007, the Highway was declared surplus on March 9, 2009 (DAF No. 2009-017), with the intended manner of disposal to be by inviting an offer to purchase the Highway from Habitat.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Habitat for Humanity has submitted an application for the development of these lands. Transportation Services has received a request from HFH to investigate the feasibility of permanently closing the untravelled public highway, in order to facilitate the development of these lands.

### **COMMENTS**

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the noted untravelled public highway and has determined that these lands can be permanently closed and sold.

The Chief Corporate Officer and the Deputy City Manager responsible for the Affordable Housing Office will submit a joint report to the Affordable Housing Committee to obtain authority to enter into an Agreement to Purchase the Highway with Habitat.

There are no municipal services or public utilities located within the untravelled public highway.

## **CLOSING PROCESS**

The closing process requires two separate approvals from City Council. The first approval initiates the process to close the untravelled public highway and authorizes the terms and conditions of the sale of the lands. The second approval authorizes the enactment of the closing by-law. Prior to enactment of the by-law, the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so at Scarborough Community Council during consideration of the draft by-law.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Map (Sketch No. PS-2003-100)