

Closing Sections of Indian Line between Eglinton Avenue West and Renforth Drive, and Eglinton Avenue West between Orbitor Drive to West of Spectrum Way

Date:	July 14, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Division
Wards:	Ward 3 - Etobicoke Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100120-tp

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request Council's approval to permanently "stop up and close" Indian Line, south of Matheson Boulevard East, and sections of the Eglinton Avenue West road allowance located on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, from a point just west of the Etobicoke Creek to Orbitor Drive.

The east section of the City of Mississauga's bus rapid transit (BRT) facility is proposed in an at-grade alignment on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, extending from the Etobicoke Creek to Renforth Drive. Sections of property within this proposed alignment are occupied by segments of unimproved road allowance presently owned by the City of Toronto (the City). The City of Mississauga has requested that the City convey certain portions of public highway owned by the City to accommodate the BRT. This will require that the City of Toronto formally close these sections of public highway if they are to be conveyed to the City of Mississauga.

Notice advising the public of the City's intention to close these sections of road was published according to the requirements of Chapter 162 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) was informed of this proposal and does not object to the proposed road closings.

This matter is scheduled as a deputation item.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close that part of the public highway, Indian Line between Eglinton Avenue West and Renforth Drive, being part of the road allowance between the Townships of Etobicoke and Toronto Gore, designated as Part 1 on Plan 66R-24324, in the City of Toronto, shown as Part 1 on Sketch PS-2010-037 (“Highway One”), and enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix “A,” subject to City Council authorizing the sale of Highway One to The Corporation of the City of Mississauga.
2. City Council permanently close portions of the public highway Eglinton Avenue West, in the City of Mississauga, between Orbitor Drive to west of Spectrum Way, being Part 1 on Plan 43R-13337, Blocks 11,12 and 13 on Plan 43M-793 and Part 3 on Plan 43R-14617 and shown as Part 2 on Sketch PS-2009-080, Part 2 on Sketch PS-2009-081 and Part 2 and Part 4 on Sketch PS-2009-082a (collectively known as “Highway Two”), and enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix “B,” subject to City Council authorizing the sale of Highway Two to The Corporation of the City of Mississauga.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with closing these sections of public highway, as The Corporation of the City of Mississauga (“City of Mississauga”) is required to pay all costs associated with closing Highway One and Highway Two.

DECISION HISTORY

Real Estate Services advises that:

- (1) in accordance with the City's Real Estate Disposal By-law 814-2007, Highway One and Highway Two were declared surplus on January 28, 2010 (DAF’s 2010-021 and 2010-023) with the intended manner of disposal to be a sale to the City of Mississauga; and
- (2) the Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager of Transportation Services to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close Highway One and Highway Two according to the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ projects (DAF 2010-152).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The City of Mississauga and Metrolinx (formerly GO Transit) are working in partnership with Transportation Canada and the Province of Ontario to implement the first phase of the Inter-Regional Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT). The City of Mississauga has environmental assessment approval to construct a BRT transit facility in a dedicated corridor extending between the west limit of the City of Mississauga to a transit station proposed at the north-west corner of Renforth Drive and Eglinton Avenue West.

The BRT's east alignment is located on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, between Etobicoke Creek and Renforth Drive. While most of the alignment is located on land owned by the City of Mississauga, there are narrow strips of unimproved public highway existing within the corridor that remain in City of Toronto ownership.

The location of these lands is shown in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4. Attachments 5 and 6 are photographs of the area.

The subject lands that are located on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, from a point just west of the Etobicoke Creek to Orbitor Drive, were conveyed to former Metropolitan Toronto in the 1980s. This occurred as part of the redevelopment of the City of Mississauga's Airport Corporate Centre on the north side of Eglinton Avenue West. The property was to accommodate a transit corridor (GO ALRT) that was being considered at that time. Metropolitan Toronto subsequently dedicated these lands as public highway.

COMMENTS

The subject lands are unimproved and surplus to municipal requirements. The City of Mississauga requests that the City of Toronto convey these lands to them.

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing Highway One and Highway Two, and has determined that both can be permanently closed. The City of Toronto does not require any of these lands for road improvement purposes, or to protect for a Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) facility proposed within the Eglinton Avenue West corridor, east of Renforth Drive.

The City of Mississauga is presently working with the TTC to develop a transit 'gateway' in the vicinity of the Eglinton Avenue West/Renforth Drive intersection, allowing both transit systems to connect at one central terminal. The closing of these sections of public highway has no impact on this proposed terminal; the connection is expected to substantially reduce cross-boundary vehicle traffic.

The Chief Corporate Officer will submit a separate report to the appropriate committee to obtain authority to enter into agreements of purchase and sale with the City of Mississauga for the sale of Highway One and Highway Two. The Agreements of will require that the City of Mississauga accommodates existing utilities within Highway One and Highway Two, including granting easements and/or relocating same, and to indemnify the City with respect thereto.

Public notice of this proposal to permanently close Highway One and Highway Two, and inviting deputations on the matter, was posted on the City of Toronto's website according to the requirements of Chapter 162 of the Toronto Municipal Code and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ projects.

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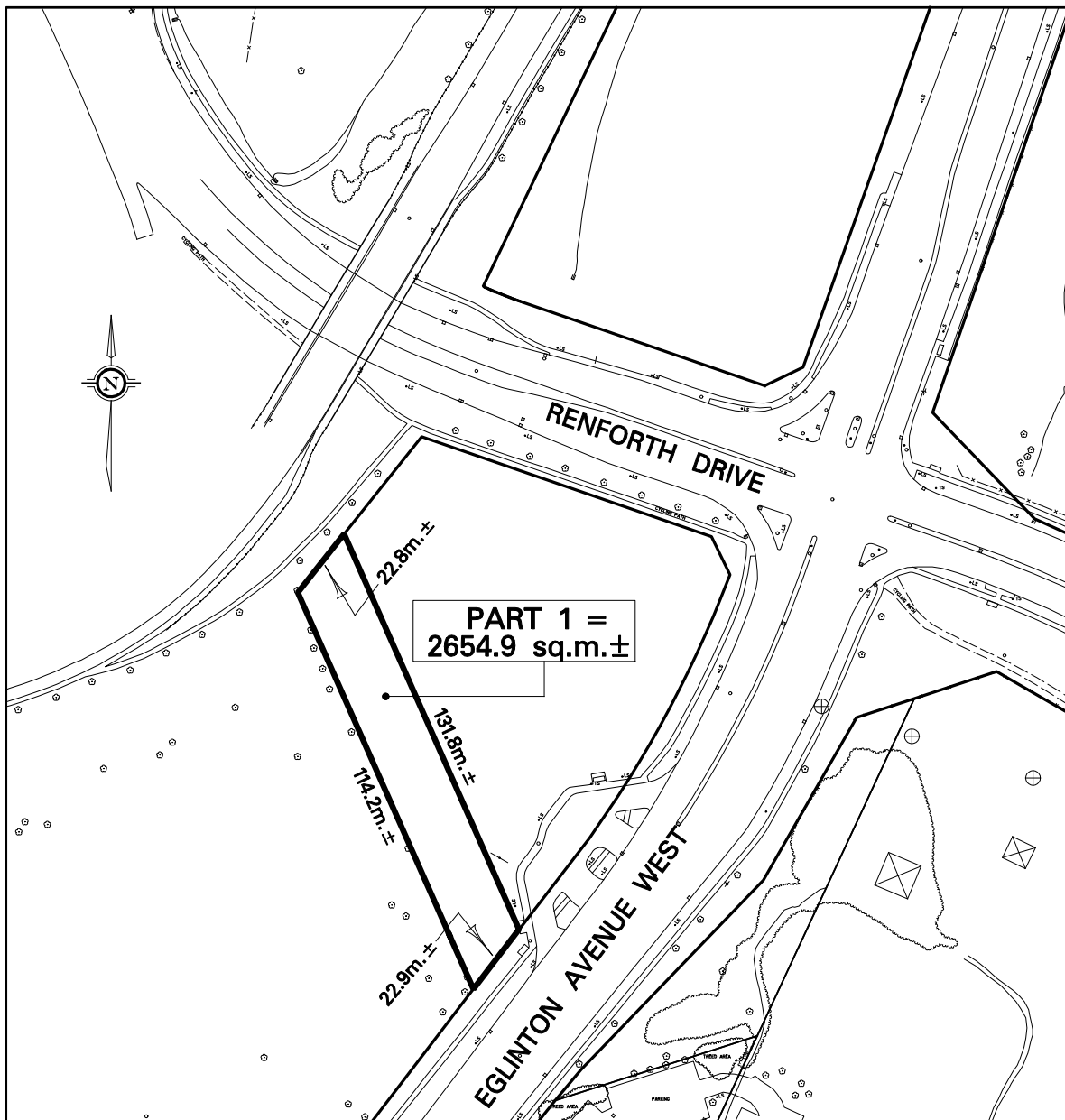
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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" – draft by-law to close Highway One
Appendix "B" – draft by-law to close Highway Two
Attachment 1 – PS-2010-037
Attachment 2 – PS-2009-080
Attachment 3 – PS-2009-081
Attachment 4 – PS-2009-082a
Attachment 5-9 – area photographs



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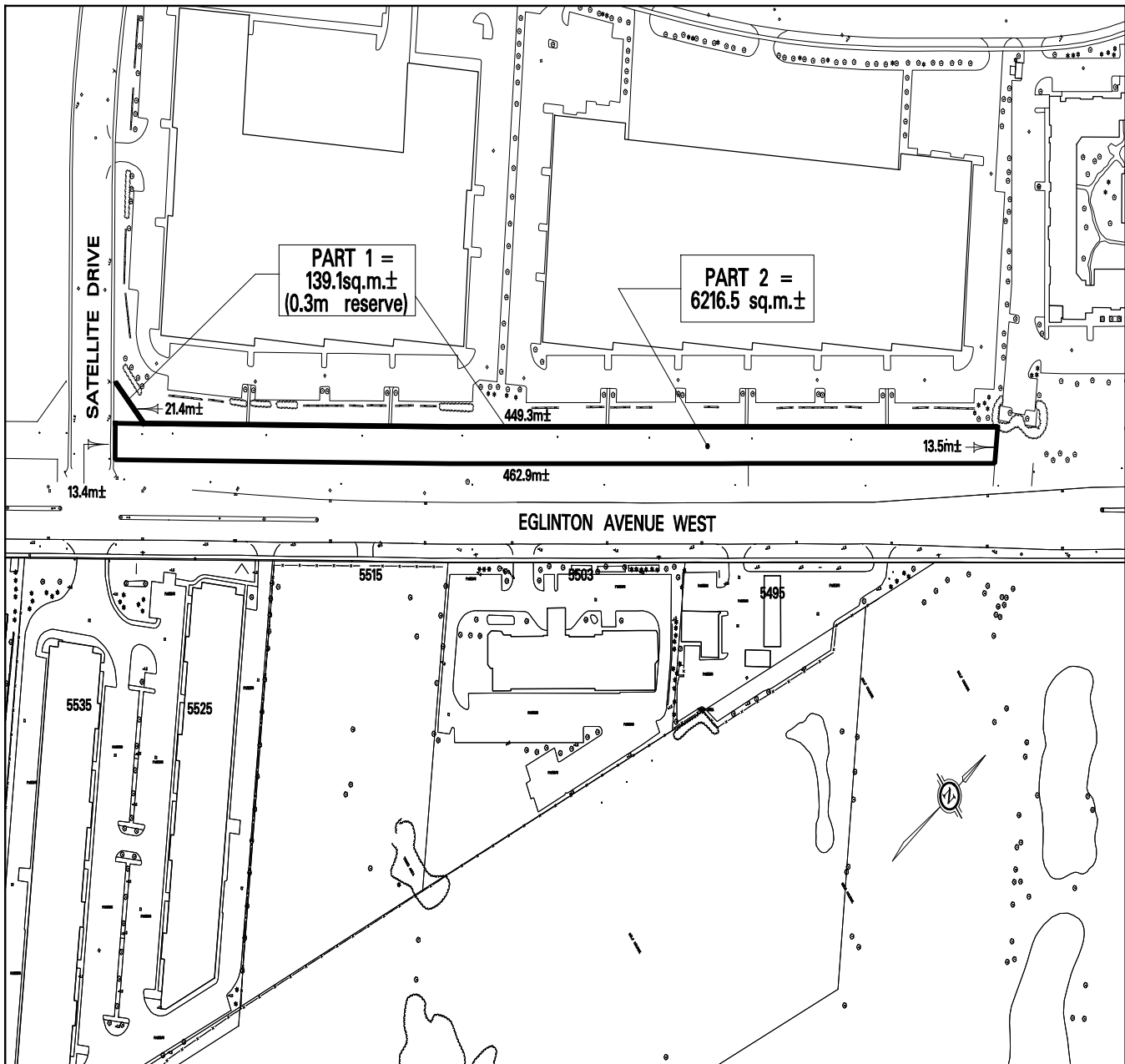
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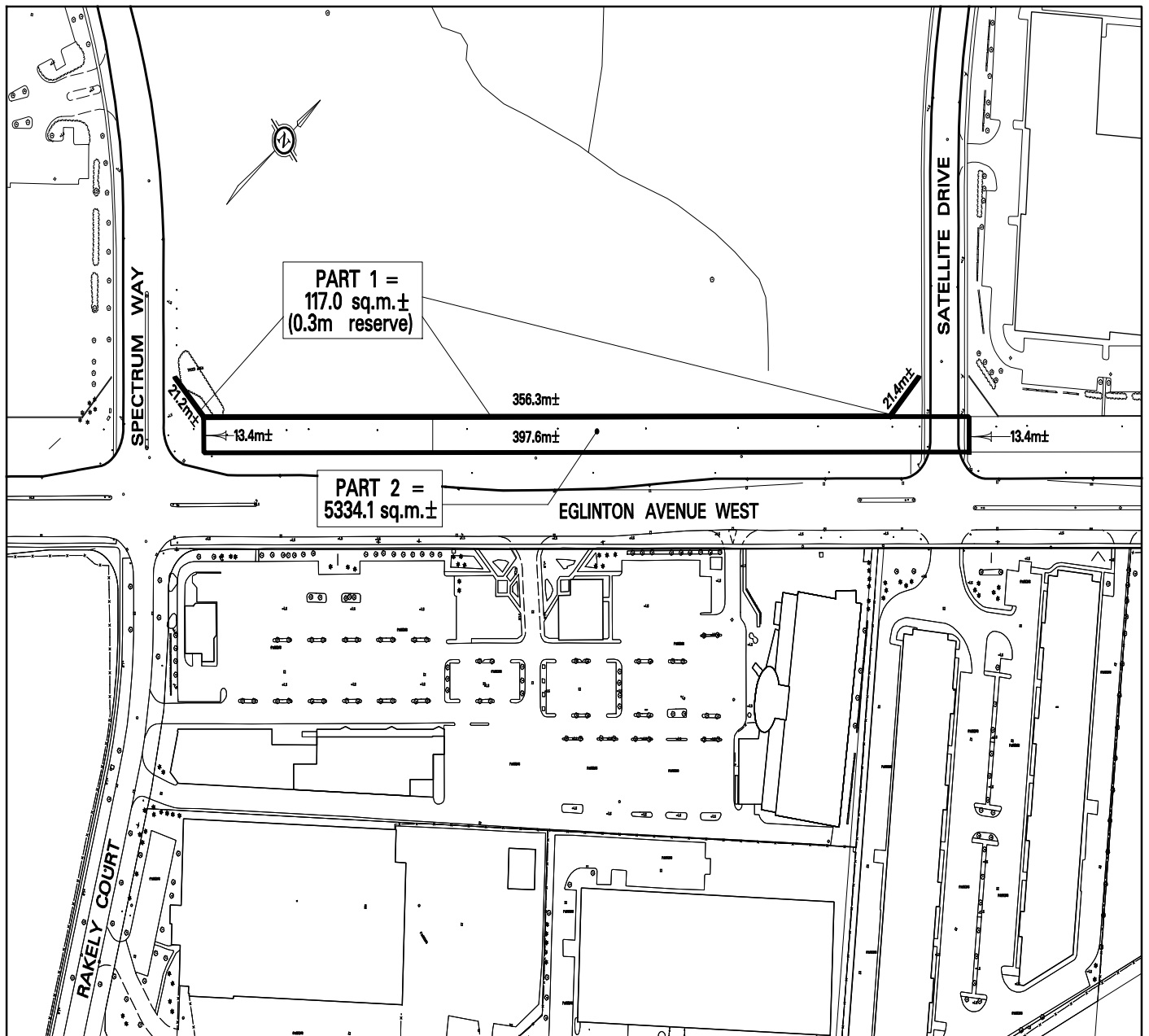
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PROPOSED CLOSURE AND SALE OF A PORTION OF
INDIAN LINE BETWEEN EGLINTON AVENUE WEST AND
RENFORTH DRIVE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES
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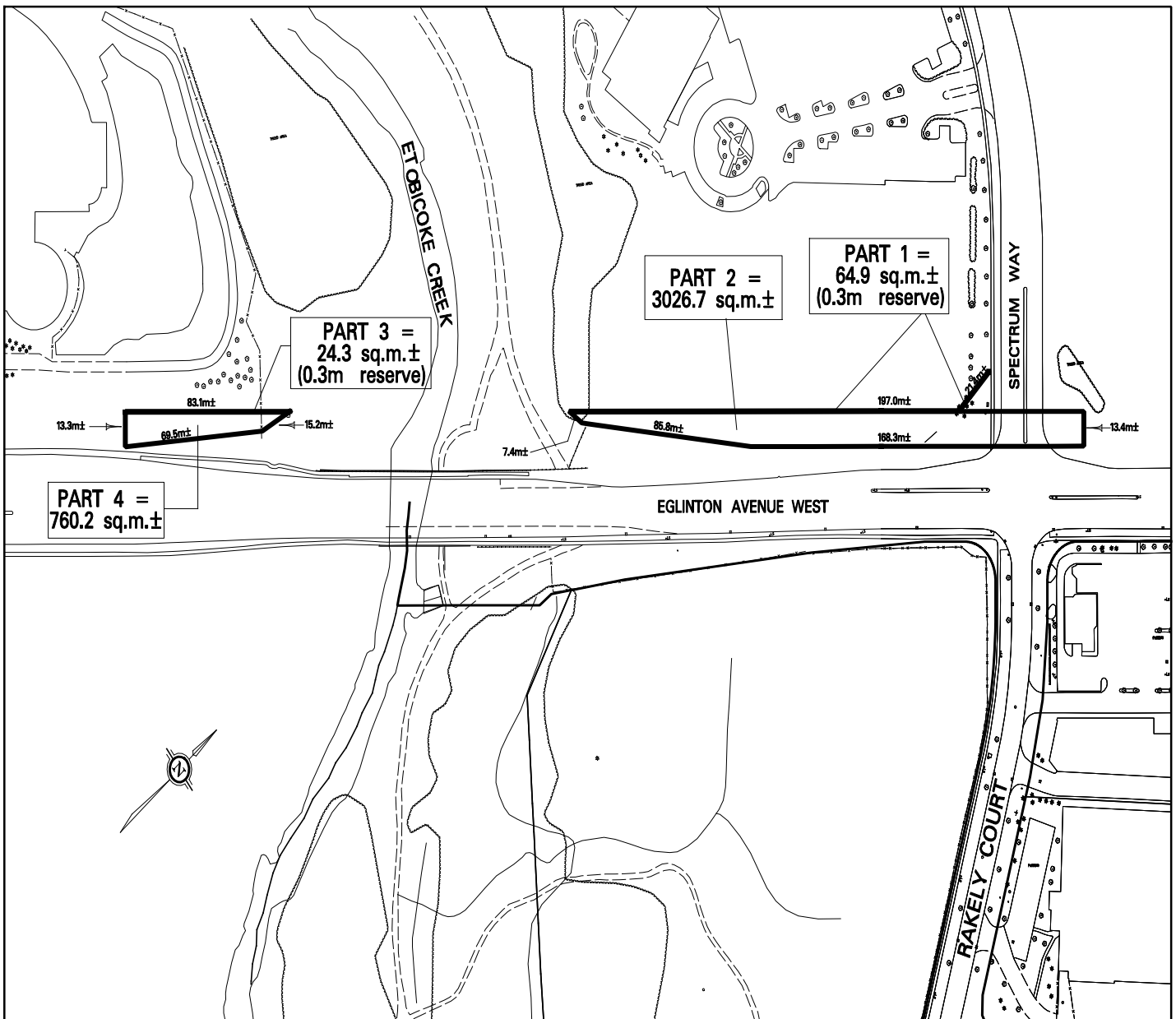
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