



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a portion of
Wilson Heights Boulevard abutting No. 222 Combe
Avenue**

Date:	March 30, 2011
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 10 – York Centre
Reference Number:	<i>ny11055</i>

SUMMARY

Transportation Services Division recommends that a portion of the public highway, Wilson Heights Boulevard, abutting No. 222 Combe Avenue be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District, recommends that City Council:

1. Permanently close the portion of the public highway shown as Part 1 on the attached Reference Plan 66R-25327 (the “Highway”); and
2. Enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law shown as Attachment 2.

Financial Impact

The closing of the Highway will not result in any costs to the City as the purchaser of the Highway is responsible to pay all costs associated with the closing 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 September 9, 2010 (DAF No. 2010-205), conditional upon the Highway being permanently closed, with the intended manner of disposal to be by inviting an offer to purchase the Highway from owner of 222 Combe Avenue.

The Chief Corporate Office authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Highway in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ activities (DAF No. 2010-274). DAF No. 2010-205 also sets out the terms and conditions of the sale of the Highway.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the owner of 222 Combe Avenue to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highway in order to square off the owner's existing lot and for the lands to be appropriately maintained.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that the Highway can be permanently closed. There are no municipal services or public utilities located within the Highway and it is feasible to permanently close the public Highway and sell it to the abutting owner.

Closing Process

The closing process requires approval from City Council and the enactment of a 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 North York Community Council during consideration of the draft by-law.

The requirement of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities will be met during the posting of the public notice on the notice page of the City's Web site for at least five working days prior to the North York Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Lane will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: Reference Plan 66R-25327
- Attachment 2: Draft By-law