



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Permanent Closure of a Portion of the Public Highway on the East Side of Leslie Street, Extending southerly from Lake Shore Boulevard East for Incorporation into the Toronto Transit Commission Maintenance Facility

Date:	March 30, 2011
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York – Ward 32
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SUMMARY

In conjunction with the use of lands on the Ashbridges Bay Treatment plant site for a Toronto Transit Commission maintenance facility, Transportation Services was requested to investigate the feasibility of closing the portion of the public highway on the east side of Leslie Street, extending southerly from Lake Shore Boulevard East, for incorporation into the site.

Transportation Services recommends that the subject portion of public highway be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close the portion of the public highway on the east side of Leslie Street, extending southerly from Lake Shore Boulevard East, designated as Part 5 on registered reference plan No. 66R-24965 and shown as Part 2 on Sketch No. PS-2009-114 (the "Highway"), attached to the report dated March 30, 2011, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated March 30, 2011, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will be responsible for all costs associated with the closure of the Highway. Funding is available in the 2011 Capital Budget and 2012-2020 Capital Plan, LRT Replacement Maintenance and Storage Facility project (CTT145-01).

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of June 8, 2010, adopted, as amended, PW33.9, thereby authorizing, among other things, the use of the Highway for incorporation into the TTC maintenance facility site.

Delegated Approval Form No. 2011-100 (the "DAF"), dated March 15, 2011, and executed by the Chief Corporate Officer, 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. The DAF also authorized the City to grant an easement to Hydro One to protect its services located within the Highway.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from Real Estate Services staff to process the request to permanently close the Highway for incorporation into the TTC's maintenance facility.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and have determined that the Highway can be permanently closed.

Hydro One currently has two 115,000 volt buried transmission cable circuits located within the Highway. TTC has advised Hydro One that the cable circuits conflict with the development of the site and TTC and Hydro One are working together to relocate the cable circuits outside the development lands.

In addition, there is a 450mm storm sewer located in the northern portion of the Highway. TTC will pay all costs involved to relocate the sewer outside the Highway.

Closing Process

The closing process now requires only one approval from City Council. The draft by-law is now an Appendix to the report that recommends the closure of the Highway and is tabled at the same Toronto and East York Community Council meeting that the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.

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 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting, which the proposed by-law to close the Highway will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Sketch No. PS-2009-114 dated November 16, 2009.
Appendix "A" – Draft By-law

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