

Proposed Permanent Closure of a portion of Kirkhams Road

Date:	October 26, 2011
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough Rouge-River
Reference Number:	P:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1201

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request City Council's approval to permanently close a portion of Kirkhams Road, north of Meadowvale Road. This public highway is surplus to municipal transportation requirements.

Notice advising the public of the City's intention to close a portion of Kirkhams Road was given in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 162 of City of Toronto Municipal Code and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close a portion of Kirkhams Road, north of Meadowvale Road, shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2011-007 attached as Appendix 2 (the "Highway").
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix 1.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with closing the Highway. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact statement.

DECISION HISTORY

As a result of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Kirkham's Road Bridge over the Rouge River, a Preferred Design Concept has been accepted. As a result, the existing bridge structure and substructure (abutments/pier/foundations) will be removed to footing levels, the Rouge River Valley will be stabilized to encourage the rehabilitation of the natural features and forms of the valley, watermains will be relocated through trenchless technologies under the Rouge River, cul-de-sacs will be provided on both sides of the river to facilitate turn around for vehicles (emergency services, maintenance, delivery etc.), and a gate will be provided at Meadowvale Road for maintenance vehicles.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, as part of the noted Environmental Assessment, has been requested to prepare this report to permanently close a portion the Highway to assist in the revitalization and restoration of the Rouge River Valley.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that the Highway can be permanently closed and sold. Real Estate Services has initiated the process to declare the Highway surplus, which will include determining the intended method of disposal if the property is declared surplus, subject to Council approving the permanent closure. There are existing municipal services and public utilities located within this portion of land for which easements must be protected. The easements required for public utilities include Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Toronto Water.

As indicated in the Kirkhams Road Bridge ESR, the portion of Kirkhams Road right-of-way, south of the river is to be gated at Meadowvale to allow occasional utility vehicles access to their assets at this location (a hammerhead turnaround is to be constructed). Kirkhams Road right-of-way, north of the river has a cul-de-sac installed.

Details of the Highway are as follows:

	Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2011-007
Approximate Size:	Irregular
Approximate Area:	14074.8 m ² (151,499.89 ft ²)
Current status:	Travelled Public Highway

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – Draft By-law
2. Appendix 2 – Sketch No. PS-2011-007

APPENDIX "1"- DRAFT BY-LAW

Authority: Scarborough Community Council Item ,
as adopted by City of Toronto Council on , 2012

Enacted by Council:

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No.

BY-LAW No. -2012

**To permanently close the public highway that is a portion of Kirkhams Road,
north of Meadowvale Road,**

WHEREAS it is recommended that the public highway that is a portion of Kirkhams Road, north of Meadowvale Road, be permanently closed as a public highway; and

WHEREAS notice of the proposed by-law to permanently close the said portion of the highway was posted on the notices page of the City's web site in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Scarborough Community Council heard any person who wished to speak to the matter at its meeting held on , 2012;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The public highway being a portion of Kirkhams Road, north of Meadowvale Road, described as follows, is hereby permanently closed as a public highway:

Part of PIN 06054-0841 (LT):

City of Toronto Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

ENACTED AND PASSED this day of , A.D. 2012.

FRANCES NUNZIATA,
Speaker

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk