

## **Re-opening of the Public Walkway Between Acme Crescent and 1735 Kipling Avenue**

**Date:** June 7, 2019  
**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Services, Permits and Enforcement  
**Wards:** Ward 2 – Etobicoke Lakeshore

### **SUMMARY**

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At its June 13, 2017 meeting, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted Item No. EY23.36, to temporarily close the pedestrian walkway between Acme Crescent and 1735 Kipling Avenue. The walkway was subsequently closed to pedestrian traffic through installation of chain link fencing.

The current Councillor is considering re-opening the walkway. Signs were posted on either side of the walkway on May 22, 2019 to solicit comments from area residents and stakeholders regarding its potential re-opening. As noted on the posted signs, comments must be provided to the Councillor by June 24, 2019.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Permits and Enforcement, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke-York Community Council receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial impacts associated with adoption of this report. Should the re-opening of the walkway be pursued in the future, there will be a financial impact to remove the chain link fence and reinstate the walkway to appropriate standards. A cost estimate in this regard will be determined at a future date, should it be determined that the walkway be re-opened.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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Multiple complaints from area residents were received by the previous local Councillor regarding public safety, criminal activity, loitering, littering and other offensive activities occurring within the pedestrian walkway that is located between Acme Crescent and the rear of 1735 Kipling Avenue. As a result, at the June 13, 2017 meeting, Etobicoke York Community Council approved a motion to temporarily close the pedestrian walkway through adoption of Item No. EY23.36, for which a decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EY23.36>.

Given the direction received from the Etobicoke-York Community Council, Transportation Services staff subsequently made arrangements to temporarily close the walkway to pedestrian traffic through installation of chain link fencing on either side.

## **COMMENTS**

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The current Councillor is considering re-opening the walkway to pedestrian traffic. At the request of the Councillor, signs were posted on either side of the walkway by Transportation Services staff to solicit comments from area residents and stakeholders regarding its potential re-opening. The public commenting period commenced on May 22, 2019, when the signs were posted, and will end on June 24, 2019. As noted on the signs, comments regarding potential re-opening of the public walkway must be provided directly to the Councillor.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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