



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Proposed Permanent Closure of the Public Lane at the rear of 51 Grosvenor Street and 76 Grenville Street

Date:	December 10, 2008
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale – Ward 27
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the public lane at the rear of 51 Grosvenor Street and 76 Grenville Street be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto City Council:

1. Permanently close the public lane shown as Part 1 on the attached Sketch No. PS-2008-160 (the “Lane”), subject to compliance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, and subject to City Council declaring the Lane surplus and authorizing the sale of the Lane to the abutting owner, Women’s College Hospital (WCH);
2. Authorize Transportation Services staff to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Lane, in accordance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, with the Toronto and East York Community Council to hear any member of the public who wishes to speak to the matter during consideration of the proposed draft by-law; and
3. Authorize Transportation Services staff to advise the public of the proposed closure of the Lane prior to implementation, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule “A+” activities, by posting notice of the proposed closure 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 at which the proposed by-law to close the Lane will be considered.

Financial Impact

The subject closing will not result in any costs to the City as WCH will be required to pay all costs associated with the closing of the Lane as part of the sale transaction. Financial compensation will be realized from the sale of the Lane.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

WCH has submitted an application for the development of its lands (including the Lane). Transportation Services received a request from WCH to investigate the feasibility of the permanent closure of the Lane, which bisects the site, in order to provide a complete development block for WCH's proposed development.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Lane and has determined that the Lane can be permanently closed and sold.

The Chief Corporate Officer will submit two separate reports to two separate Government Management Committee meetings, one to declare the Lane surplus and one to obtain authority to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with WCH, as the value of the Lane is in excess of \$500,000.00.

There are no municipal services or public utilities located within the Lane.

Closing Process

The closing process requires two separate approvals from City Council. The first approval initiates the process to close the Lane and authorizes the terms and conditions of the sale of the Lane. The second approval authorizes the enactment of the closing 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 Toronto and East York Community Council during consideration of the draft by-law.

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ATTACHMENTS

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