Amending Report on Toronto Waterfront Revitalization – West Don Lands Precinct - Proposed Closing and Leasing of a Portion of River Street and a Portion of the Un-named Link Road, Extending Between River Street and the West Limit of Old Brewery Lane

Date: April 6, 2010

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: General Manager, Transportation Services and Chief Corporate Officer

Wards: Toronto Centre-Rosedale – Ward 28

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek an amendment to Motion No. 1 of Item TE9.40, adopted by City Council at its meeting of October 22 and 23, 2007, authorizing the closure and lease of a part of the un-named Link Road west of Old Brewery Lane, extending between River Street and Bayview Avenue; authorizing a five year lease to Ontario Realty Corporation for nominal rent; declaring the subject portion of the Link Road to be surplus; and authorizing the Chief Corporate Officer to negotiate with Toronto Region Conservation Authority for the possible disposal of all or part of the subject portion of the Link Road. The subject amendment is required because the boundaries of the area to be closed are slightly different than what was reported to City Council at the time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Transportation Services and the Chief Corporate Officer recommend that:

1. City Council delete Motion No. 1 of Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE9.40, as adopted by City Council at its meeting held on October 22 and 23, 2007, and replace it with the following:

(a) City Council authorize the permanent closure of a portion of River Street and a portion of the un-named Link Road, shown as Parts 1 and 2, respectively, on the
attached Sketch No. PS-2010-015 (the “Link Road”) as public highways, upon construction, conveyance to the City and dedication of the new Bayview Avenue extension, subject to compliance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162.

Financial Impact
There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY
At its meeting of October 22 and 23, 2007, City Council adopted Item TE9.40 of the Toronto and East York Community Council, thereby approving the closure of part of the Un-named Link Road west of Old Brewery Lane, extending between River Street and Bayview Avenue; authorizing a five year lease to ORC for nominal rent; declaring the subject portion of the Link Road to be surplus; and authorizing the Chief Corporate Officer to negotiate with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (“TRCA”) for the possible disposal of all or part of the subject portion of the Link Road.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
During the preparation of the reference plan of survey for the closure of the portion of highway authorized by Item TE9.40, it was determined that part of the highway referred to as the Link Road actually forms part of River Street and that the boundaries of the area that need to be closed are slightly different than what was reported to Council in 2007. Accordingly, this report recommends that Motion No. 1. of Item TE9.40 be rescinded and replaced with the wording in Recommendation 1. of this report.

COMMENTS
Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Link Road and has determined that the Link Road can be permanently closed.

The requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment have been met under the Addendum to the West Don Lands Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan: River Street Extension and Bayview/River Unnamed Connection.

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ATTACHMENTS
Sketch No. PS-2010-015 dated February 23, 2010
Closure of portions of River Street and the un-named Link Road