



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Permanent Closure of a Portion of Carroll Street
Extending Between Thompson Street and Davies
Avenue and a Portion of Thompson Street for
Incorporation into Joel Weeks Park**

Date:	May 6, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth – Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts10074te.top.doc

SUMMARY

In conjunction with the redevelopment of Don Mount Court by Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Transportation Services staff was requested to investigate the feasibility of closing the portion of Carroll Street extending between Thompson Street and Davies Avenue and a portion of Thompson Street, for incorporation into the abutting Joel Weeks Park.

As a new public highway system will be constructed as part of the redevelopment of Don Mount Court, the portion of Carroll Street and Thompson Street to be closed are not required for Transportation Services purposes and can be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorizes the permanent closure of the portions of the public highways known as Carroll Street and Thompson Street, shown as Parts 1 and 3 respectively, on Sketch No. PS-2010-036, (the “Highway”), attached to the report dated May 6, 2010, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, subject to:
 - (a) easement interests for the easements required by Toronto Hydro, Bell Canada and Enbridge Gas having been declared surplus in accordance with City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 213 and authority having

been granted to convey easements to Toronto Hydro, Bell Canada and Enbridge Gas over the closed Highway for nominal consideration; and
(b) compliance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162;

2. City Council authorize Transportation Services staff to give notice to the public, after authority has been granted to convey the required utility easements and upon the new road system in Don Mount Court having been conveyed to the City and dedicated for public highway purposes, of a proposed by-law to close the Highway 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 draft by-law;
3. City Council authorize Transportation Services staff to advise the public of the proposed closure of the Highway 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 5 working days prior to the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting which the proposed by-law to close the Highway will be considered.
4. City Council authorize Technical Services staff to rename the portion of Carroll Street shown as Part 2 on the attached Sketch, as Thompson Street.

Financial Impact

Parks, Forestry and Recreation has secured three Letters of Credit for a total amount of \$571,882 from the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) as Condition No. 34 of OMB Decision/Order No. 2673 for the development of Joel Weeks Park.

The project scope has not been yet determined as park’s design is in its final stage, however Parks, Forestry and Recreation intends to work within the available resources. Once the design stage is completed, the appropriate projects will be included into the 2011 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget Submission for consideration. Request for operating funding required for this park will be submitted for consideration with the Parks, Forestry and Recreation future year operating budget submissions.

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from Parks, Forestry & Recreation (“PF&R”) to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highway for incorporation into the abutting Joel Weeks Park. A park block within the Don Mount Court subdivision will also be conveyed to the City on the east side of the Highway, which will form part of the expanded Joel Weeks Park, to better serve the community. All costs associated with the closing of the Highway and the development of these lands for parks purposes will be the responsibility of PF&R.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and have determined that the Highway can be closed once the new road system, which will be constructed as part of the redevelopment of Don Mount Court, is constructed to City standards, conveyed and dedicated for public highway use.

A 600mm storm sewer, 300mm combined sewer and a 150mm watermain are located within the Highway. In addition, the following public utilities are located within the Highway and will remain in place, pursuant to easements;

- (i) Bell Canada - manhole and a four duct structure on the east side of Carroll Street;
- (ii) Enbridge Gas - NPS 4ST IP Gas main; and
- (iii) Toronto Hydro – underground cable.

As of the writing of this report, the easement interests to be granted to Toronto Hydro, Bell Canada and Enbridge Gas have not yet been declared surplus and authority to grant the easements, which the Chief Corporate Officer has delegated authority to approve, has not yet been obtained. However, by the date of consideration of this report by Toronto and East York Community Council, it is anticipated that the necessary steps will have been completed and the easement interests will have been obtained.

Staff of Real Estate Services advises that the transfer of operational management of the Highway from Transportation Services to PR&R for the expansion of Joel Weeks Park, for which the City Manager has delegated approval, is anticipated to be approved in the near future.

Closing Process

The closing process requires two separate approvals from City Council. The first approval initiates the process to close the Highway. The second approval authorizes 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.

The requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities will be met during the posting of the above-noted public notice.

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ATTACHMENTS

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