



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Permanent Closure of Part of the Public Lane at the rear of 4 Vermont Avenue

Date:	December 9, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20
Reference Number:	Ts2011019te.top.doc

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the portion of the public lane at the rear of 4 Vermont Avenue be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close the portion of the public lane at the rear of 4 Vermont Avenue shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2010-030 (the "Lane"), attached to the report dated December 9, 2010, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated December 9, 2010, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

The closing of the Lane will not result in any costs to the City as the purchaser of the Lane is responsible to pay all costs associated with the closing of the Lane.

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

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with the City's Real Estate Disposal By-law No. 814-2007, the Lane was declared surplus on May 12, 2010 by DAF No. 2010-091, conditional upon the Lane being permanently closed, with the intended manner of disposal to be by inviting an offer to purchase the Lane from the owner of 4 Vermont Avenue.

The Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Lane in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ activities. DAF No. 2010-273, dated November 16, 2010, authorized the sale of the Lane conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Lane.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the owner of 4 Vermont Avenue to investigate the feasibility of closing the Lane in order to address a long-standing encroachment of the residential garage into the public lane.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Lane and has determined that the Lane can be permanently closed. There are no municipal services or public utilities located within the Lane and it is feasible to permanently close the Lane and sell it to the abutting owner.

Closing Process

The closing process now requires only one approval from City Council, which now takes place after the sale has been authorized, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Lane. 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 requirement of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities will be met during the posting of the public notice 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, which the proposed by-law to close the Lane will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" – Draft By-law 2011
Appendix "B" – Sketch No. PS-2010-030 dated March 16, 2010

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