



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Permanent Closure of Portions of the Public Lane Extending Westerly From Grey Road between Cranbrooke Avenue and Woburn Avenue

Date:	April 15, 2013
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 16 - Eglinton-Lawrence
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the subject portions of the public lane extending westerly from Grey Road between Cranbrooke Avenue and Woburn Avenue be permanently closed. This public highway is surplus to municipal requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close the portions of the public lane extending westerly from Grey Road between Cranbrooke Avenue and Woburn Avenue, designated as the "Lane", and as shown as Parts 1 to 11 on Sketch No. PS-2010-116 attached to this report as Attachment 1.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to this report as Attachment 2.

Financial Impact

The various portions of the Lane have been offered for sale to the adjacent land owners. The closing of the Lane will not result in any costs to the City as these purchasers will be responsible to pay all costs associated with the closing of the Lane.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have 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 March 21, 2011, as authorized by the Chief Corporate Officer in DAF No. 2011-044, conditional upon the Lane being permanently closed, with the intended manner of disposal to be by inviting offers to purchase the Lane from the adjoining owners adjacent to 437 to 505 Cranbrooke Avenue, 506 to 574 Woburn Avenue and 22 Grey Road.

The Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager of Transportation Services 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 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ activities.

The Director of Real Estate Services authorized the sale of a portion of the Lane to the adjoining owner at 506 Woburn Avenue in DAF No. 2012-289, dated November 15, 2012 conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Lane.

In addition, the Director of Real Estate Services authorized the sale of portions of the Lane to the adjoining owners of 439, 445-451 Cranbrooke Avenue, 510 to 516 Woburn Avenue and 22 Grey Road, in DAF Nos. 2012-293, 2012-294, 2012-295, 2012-296, 2012-297, 2012-290, 2012-291, 2012-292 and 2012-288, all dated November 21, 2012, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Lane.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from the Owners to investigate the feasibility of closing the Laneway in order to extend their properties, build fences and improve the safety of their properties.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services' staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Lane and has determined that the Lane is surplus to municipal requirements.

Bell Canada advises that there are existing poles and aerial cable on the north half of the Laneway and will require an easement, which will be granted on closing of the sale transactions.

CLOSING PROCESS

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is now an Attachment to the report that recommends the closure of the Lane and is tabled at the

same North York Community Council meeting so that the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.

The requirement of the Municipal Class Environment 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 in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 162 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code for at least five working days prior to the North York Community Council meeting, which the proposed By-law to close the Lane will be considered.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Sketch No. PS-2010-116
Attachment 2: Draft By-law