Permanent Closure of the Public Lane at the Rear of 1315 Queen Street East

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**SUMMARY**
Transportation Services recommends that the public lane at the rear of 1315 Queen Street East be permanently closed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council permanently close the public lane at the rear of 1315 Queen Street East, legally described as the lane on Registered Plan 658, save and except Part 1 on Reference Plan 63R-899, City of Toronto, being all of PIN 21391-0188 (LT) in the Land Registry Office of Toronto and shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2011-126 (the "Lane"), attached to the report, dated April 19, 2013, from the Acting 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 April 19, 2013, from the Acting 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 October 17, 2012 by DAF No. 2012-106, 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 1311 and 1315 Queen Street East.

By DAF No. 2013-062, dated February 20, 2013, the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer authorized the sale of the Lane, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Lane. Additionally, 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.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff received a request from the owner of 1311 and 1315 Queen Street East, on behalf of 681523 Ontario Limited, to close and purchase the Lane for incorporation into a proposed re-development of 1311 and 1315 Queen Street East.

**COMMENTS**

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

**Closing Process**

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is now an Appendix to the report that recommends the closure of the Lane and is tabled at the same Toronto and East York Community Council meeting that the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.
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, at which the proposed by-law to close the Lane will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS
Sketch No. PS-2011-126, dated January 06, 2012
Appendix A – Draft By-law

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