



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Permanent Closure of the Bus Loop on Eglinton Avenue West, South of Renforth Drive

Date:	July 16, 2014
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Centre
Reference Number:	p:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc140105-tp

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the bus loop on the right-of-way along the north side of Eglinton Avenue West, south of Renforth Drive, be permanently closed for incorporation into the Airport Renforth Gateway Metrolinx project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the portion of Eglinton Avenue West designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-27535 and shown as Part 1 on the attached Sketch No. PS-2014-021 (the "Highway").
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" conditional upon the City entering into an agreement with Metrolinx wherein Metrolinx agrees to purchase the Highway on terms satisfactory to the City.

Financial Impact

The closing of the Highway will not result in any costs borne by the City as the purchaser of the Highway is responsible to pay all costs associated with the closing and purchase of the Highway.

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. 814-207, the Highway was declared surplus on July 11, 2014 by DAF No.2014-160, conditional upon the Highway being permanently closed, with the intended manner of disposal by inviting an offer to purchase the Highway from Metrolinx.

By DAF No. 2014-161, dated July 11, 2014, the Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed bylaw to close the Highway in accordance with the requirements of the 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 City staff, on behalf of Metrolinx, to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highway for incorporation into the Airport Renforth Gateway Project.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing a portion of the right-of-way along the north side of Eglinton Avenue West south of Renforth Drive, and has determined that the Highway is surplus to our requirements and can be closed and sold.

There are no municipal services within the Highway. However, Bell Canada and Toronto Hydro have advised that they may have services within the Highway that will require removal or easement protection. Metrolinx has been advised of these possible services and will work with both utility companies to determine if their services will be affected by the proposed closure and if so, the best course of action to satisfy all parties will be taken, prior to the sale of the Highway.

Recommendations in this report are conditional on the City and Metrolinx entering into an agreement wherein Metrolinx agrees to purchase the Highway on terms satisfactory to the City. It is anticipated that a binding purchase agreement will be entered into by the time this report is before City Council.

Closing Process

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft bylaw is an Appendix to the report that recommends the closure of the Highway and is tabled at the same Etobicoke York Community Council meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak to the matter.

The requirements for 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 Etobicoke York Community Council meeting at which the proposed bylaw to close the Highway will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" – Draft By-law
Sketch No. PS-2014-021, dated February 21, 2014.