STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Closure to Vehicular Traffic, Portions of the Public Lane at the rear of 5571 and 5575 Yonge Street

Date: July 22, 2014
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards: Ward 23 - Willowdale
Reference Number: p:\2014\ClusterB\TRANorthYorkDistrict\nay14108

SUMMARY
Transportation Services recommends that portions of the public lane at the rear of 5571 and 5575 Yonge Street be close by by-law to restrict access to vehicular traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services, North York District, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the closure to vehicular traffic, portions of the public lane at the rear of 5571 and 5575 Yonge Street, designated as Part 8 on Reference Plan 64R-14258 and Part 1 on Reference Plan 66R-27540, and shown as Parts 1 and 2 respectively on Sketch No. PS-20014-077 (the "Lanes") (Attachment 2); and

2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law (Attachment 1).

Financial Impact
The cost to install bollards in the Lane to restrict vehicular access is estimated to be $1,500.00. Funding is available in the 2014 Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

Closure to Vehicles Public Lane at rear of 5571-5575 Yonge St
The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

**DECISION HISTORY**

By DAF No. 2014-204, dated July 21, 2014, 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 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 the Ward Councillor to investigate the feasibility of closing the Lane to vehicular traffic in order to provide a buffer between cars using the public lane, residents in the adjacent condominium and people using Olive Square Park. The installation of bollards at both ends of the lane will allow pedestrian and bicycle traffic to use the lane for access but will eliminate all vehicular traffic.

**COMMENTS**

Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Lane and have determined that the Lane can be closed to vehicular traffic.

This closing will not impact any municipal services or public utilities located within the Lane as the lands will remain under Transportation Services jurisdiction.

**Closing Process**

The closing process now requires only one approval from City Council. The draft by-law is Attachment 1 to this report and is tabled at the same North York Community Council meeting at which the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.
The requirement for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities will be met during the posting of the public notice on the notices page of the City's web site for at least five working days prior to the North York Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Lane will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Sketch No. PS-2014-077
Attachment 2: Draft By-law