



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Designation of Fire Routes and amendment to Chapter 880 – Fire Routes - To repeal the designation of a certain portion of the property municipally known as 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part A) and 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part B)

Date:	July 23, 2014
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services
Wards:	Ward 25
Reference Number:	p:\2014\ClusterB\FIR\ny140021

SUMMARY

To obtain Council approval for the amendment of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, to repeal the designation of a certain portion of the property municipally known as 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part A) and 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part B) as fire routes within the meaning of Chapter 880, Fire Routes. The municipal address for the entire property was changed to 1090 Don Mills Road in 2008 in conjunction with redevelopment of the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Toronto Fire Services recommends that:

1. City Council amend Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, to repeal the designation of the private road located at the property formerly municipally known as 939 Lawrence Avenue East, and delete 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part A) and 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part B) from Schedule A, Fire Route Designations to Chapter 880, Fire Routes; and
2. City Council authorizes the Fire Chief and City Solicitor to take the appropriate action to make a designated Fire Route.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

The fire route at 939 Lawrence Avenue East was originally established by By-law No. 29704 enacted on September 23, 1985 by the Council of the Corporation of the former City of North York.

At its October 26, 27 and 28, 2004 meeting, Toronto City Council enacted By-law No. 987-2004 which harmonized the fire route by-laws of the former six area municipalities of the former Metropolitan Toronto into Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, for the City of Toronto.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2004/agendas/council/cc041026/cms7rpt/cl002.pdf>

The fire route at 939 Lawrence Avenue East was carried forward into this new chapter.

In February 2008 an application was received by Toronto Fire Services to amend a portion of the fire route and designate a portion of the site as "Part A". The amendment was approved by City Council on May 27, 2008 with enactment of Bylaw No. 515-2008.

In April 2008 an application was received by Toronto Fire Services to amend the fire route for the remainder of the property at 939 Lawrence Avenue E, to designate it as "Part B". The amendment was approved by City Council on April 06, 2009 with enactment of Bylaw No. 408-2009.

COMMENTS

Fire Services receives applications from property owners to designate locations on their properties as fire routes under City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880. The fire route prohibits the parking of vehicles at the designated location and provides for the removal of such vehicles, to allow continuous access to Fire Services vehicles, equipment and apparatus for the prevention and protection against fires. Designation of fire routes ensure appropriate access for fire vehicles across the City and assist with regulating fire prevention and reduce the negative impact of fire on human lives, property and the environment.

Prior to amalgamation in 1998, each of the former area municipalities had its own fire route by-law, which by virtue of subsection 2(7) of the *City of Toronto Act, 1997*, these by-laws remained in force until the Council of the City of Toronto repealed or amended the pre-amalgamation by-laws. At its October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, meeting, City Council, repealed the former municipalities' by-laws, and adopted a harmonized fire route by-law, Chapter 880, under the authority provided by Subsection 7.1(1)(c) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*.

The purposes of the harmonized fire routes by-law, Chapter 880, included providing a single fire routes by-law for the City of Toronto to assist in the regulating fire prevention, including the prevention of the spreading of fires and the delivery of fire protection services. Chapter 880 provides for the continuance of fire-routes previously designated under the fire route by-laws of the former municipalities.

The fire route located at 939 Lawrence Avenue East was the subject of North York Fire Department Application No. 75-17, and is one of the pre-harmonization fire routes which were expressly continued as a fire route by Chapter 880.

This property, the shopping plaza known as "Shops at Don Mills" was redeveloped and the municipal address was changed from 939 Lawrence Avenue East to 1090 Don Mills Road in February 2008. When the fire route at this location was amended in May 2008 and in April 2009 to reflect Part A and Part B respectively, the applications were not submitted with the new municipal address.

In recent discussions with Toronto Police Services Parking Enforcement it was noted that the fire route for this property was not amended in Schedule A, Fire Route Designations to Chapter 880, Fire Routes when the municipal address was changed from 939 Lawrence Avenue East to 1090 Don Mills Road.

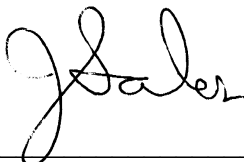
On May 26, 2014 an application was received from the property owners, Cadillac Fairview Corporation Ltd, to designate the private roadways within the shopping plaza as fire routes within the meaning of Chapter 880, Fire Routes. At its July 07, 08, 09, 10 and 11, 2014 meeting, Toronto City Council approved the fire route designation, enacting Bylaw No. 660-2014.

It has been confirmed with City of Toronto Construction and Engineering Services, Land and Property Surveys that the municipal address for this property was changed to 1090 Don Mills Road February 29, 2008 and that the municipal address 939 Lawrence Avenue East was deleted. As such, the Fire Chief recommends that the fire route be repealed for the locations noted on Appendix A concerning 939 Lawrence Avenue East (Part A) and Lawrence Avenue East (Part B).

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ATTACHMENTS

Address change letter