



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Permanent Closure - The Un-travelled Portions of Danforth Avenue and Lillington Avenue

Date:	May 5, 2014
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2014\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1444.docx Decision Document No.2012-010

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the un-travelled portion of Danforth Avenue and the un-travelled portion of Lillington Avenue in the block bounded by Birchmount Avenue, Pinegrove Avenue, South Woodrow Boulevard and Danforth Avenue, be permanently closed for the operational transfer to Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the un-travelled portions of Danforth Avenue and Lillington Avenue, designated as Parts 1 and 2 respectively on Reference Plan 66R-27380 and shown as Parts 1 and 2 respectively on the Sketch No. PS-2008-166 (the "Highways"), attached to the report dated May 5, 2014, from the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough 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 May 5, 2014, from the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District.

Financial Impact

The annual operating impact of transferring the operational management of the Highways to Parks, Forestry and Recreation (PF&R) is \$24,800.00 based on \$3,600.00 for annual maintenance of parkland and \$21,200.00 for Forestry restoration services. Funding is

included in the 2014 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget. There are no capital costs associated with the closure of the Highways.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

By DAF No. 2013-111, dated May 27, 2013, the Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Highways in accordance with the requirements of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities.

Decision Document No. 2012-010 transferred operational management of the Highways to PF&R.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from PF&R to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highways at this location. This site consists of a well treed ravine which is protected by the Ravine and Natural Feature By-law. The ravine has significant natural environmental value and Urban Forestry has been carrying out restoration and management at the site for a number of years.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highways and have determined that the Highways can be closed and operationally transferred to PF&R.

The new park will be named "Birchcliff Woods" and will be assigned the municipal address of 3700 Danforth Avenue.

Toronto Water staff has advised that the Highways receive major system storm flows off of Pinegrove Avenue via Lillington Avenue (Part 2 on Sketch No. PS-2008-166). The flow enters Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2008-166 and then under Danforth Avenue via a culvert. These lands also form part of an intermittent creek. Toronto Water supports the request for transfer of operational management to PF&R.

Closing Process

The closing process now requires only one approval from City Council. The draft by-law is an Appendix to this report and is tabled at the same Scarborough 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 Scarborough Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Highways will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix "A" – Draft By-law
2. Sketch No. PS-2008-166 dated December 12, 2008.