



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Permanent Closure of a Portion of the Public Highway
Abutting the Rail Corridor and North of 2180 Islington
Avenue**

Date:	March 11, 2015
To:	Etobicoke-York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke-York District
Wards:	Ward 2 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	p:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc150056-row

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the portion of public highway abutting the rail corridor and north of 2180 Islington Avenue West, be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends:

1. City Council, permanently close the portion of public highway, designated as Part 19 on Plan 66R-26940 and shown as Part 1 on the attached Sketch PS-2013-027 (the "Highway"), attached to the report dated March 11, 2015, from the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke-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 March 11, 2015, from the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke-York District.

Financial Impact

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

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have 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 December 2, 2014 by DAF 2014-291, 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 2015-026, dated January 29, 2015, the Chief Corporate Officer authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law 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. Also by the same DAF, the Director of Real Estate Services authorized the sale of the Highway to Metrolinx, conditional upon City Council authorizing the permanent closure of the Highway.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from Metrolinx to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highway for incorporation into the Georgetown South rail project in order to provide infrastructure improvements to GO Transit ridership demand and future growth.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that the Highway can be permanently closed subject to the retention of a 9 metre wide easement for Toronto Water for the operation and maintenance of a 350mm watermain crossing Part 1. In addition, Linear and Structures, Engineering and Construction Services, requires an easement to access the bridge for maintenance purposes.

Toronto Hydro has two hydro poles that require relocation. The GO project team are working with Toronto Hydro to arrange for the relocation. We will require written confirmation from Toronto Hydro that they have received payment for the relocation prior to the closure of the Highway.

Closing Process

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is an Appendix to the report that recommends the closure of the Highway and is tabled at the same Etobicoke-York Community Council meeting that the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.

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 by-law to close the Highway will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A": Draft By-law
Attachment 1: Sketch No. PS-2013-027, dated March 26, 2013