



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Permanent Closure of the Portion of Algoma Street
Extending Easterly from Grand Avenue**

Date:	December 9, 2015
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Reference Number:	p:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc160014-tp

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that the portion of Algoma Street, extending easterly from Grand Avenue be permanently closed for operational transfer to Parks, Forestry and Recreation in order to consolidate City-owned lands in the immediate area for the creation of a park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the portion of Algoma Street extending easterly from Grand Avenue, being the whole of PIN 07622-0021 (LT), and shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2012-076 (the "Highway"), attached to the report dated December 9, 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 December 9, 2015, from the Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

The proposed section of Algoma Street to be closed will form part of the Grand Avenue/Mystic Point Park site. The park design process is already underway.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation has included a total of \$1.724 million as part of their 2016-2025 Preliminary Capital Budget and Plan for the development of Grand Avenue/Mystic Point Park. This includes \$0.488 million for remediation and \$1.236 million for development of the site. Once complete, the annual operating costs to maintain the park are estimated to be approximately \$0.074 million and will be brought forward as part of the 2017 Operating Budget Request.

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 17, 2012, City Council approved the 2012 PF&R Capital Budget and 2013-2021 Capital Plan, which included \$1.188 million for the Mystic Point – New Park Development project under item 34.(a).i.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX14.1>

City Council, at its meeting of May 8 and 9, 2012, adopted Item GM13.8, which approved, in principle, the consolidation of the former Mimico Incinerator site, the former Mimico Sewage Treatment Plant site and the existing Grand Avenue Park, together with the Highway, for the development of a new park. City Council also directed the General Manager, PF&R, to pursue the transfer of operational management of the Highway to PF&R in order to consolidate the City-owned land.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.GM13.8>

At its meeting held on May 28, 2012, the Property Management Committee approved the transfer of operational management of the Highway to PF&R, following the closure of the Highway.

At its meeting on January 29 and 30, 2014, City Council approved the 2014 PF&R Capital Budget and 2015-2023 Capital Plan, which included \$0.175 million for the Grand/Manitoba project under item 34.(a).i.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.EX37.1>

By DAF No. 2015-203 dated December 7, 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.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff received a request from PF&R to investigate the feasibility of closing the Highway in order to consolidate City-owned land for the development of a park.

COMMENTS

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

Toronto Water has advised of the following assets within the Highway:

- 1050 mm Sanitary Trunk Sewer;
- 600 mm Storm Sewer; and
- 300 mm Watermain

all of which will remain in place.

In addition, PR&R has made arrangements with Bell Canada and Enbridge Gas to abandon their plant within the Highway. PF&R are responsible for all costs associated with the adjustments to the services of Bell Canada and Enbridge Gas.

Closing Process

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The proposed 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
Sketch No. PS-2012-076, dated July 27, 2012