

Permanent Closure of a portion of the public highway known as Leila Lane, south of Varna Park

Date: October 24, 2016
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards: Ward 15 – Eglinton-Lawrence

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that a portion of the public highway known as Leila Lane, south of Varna Park, be permanently closed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of a portion of the public highway known as Leila Lane, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Reference Plan 66R-28973, and shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2016-101 (the Highway), attached to the report dated October 24, 2016, from the Director, Transportation Services, North York District.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached to the report dated October 24, 2016, from the Director, Transportation Services, North 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 has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with the City's Real Estate Disposal By-law No. 814-2007 (City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 213), the Highway was declared surplus on September 19, 2016 by DAF No. 2016-199, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Highway, with the intended manner of disposal to be by way of a nominal sum conveyance of the Highway to Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), the owner of Lawrence Heights.

By DAF No. 2016-140, dated July 7, 2016, as amended by DAF No. 2016-212, dated September 19, 2016, 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.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that the Highway can be closed and conveyed to TCHC. Real Estate Services is reporting separately on the proposed conveyance to TCHC.

The following municipal services and public utilities are located within the Highway and will require relocation at TCHC's expense.

Toronto Water – active 250 mm and 350 mm diameter sanitary sewers, and an active 250 mm diameter and 1200 mm diameter storm sewers;

Rogers Cable – Aerial TV plant; and

Toronto Hydro – Pole to pole route for both primary and secondary overhead Hydro conductors.

Toronto Fire Services has advised that Leila Lane serves as the only and dedicated fire access route to the residential structures known as No. 1, 3 and 5 Leila Lane. This required fire access route (By-law 115-86) must be maintained accessible at all times. Any site redevelopment plan would need to ensure access until such time as the existing structures are vacant and demolished.

In addition, Transportation Services owns and maintains the noise wall barrier located immediately west of Leila Lane and will require access rights over the Highway for future maintenance of the noise wall barrier.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Draft By-law

Authority: North York Community Council Item ____, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on _____, 2016.

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No.

BY-LAW No. -2016

To permanently close part of the public highway known as Leila Lane,
south of Varna Park

Whereas it is recommended that part of the public highway known as Leila Lane,
south of Varna Park, be permanently closed as a public highway; and

Whereas notice of the proposed by-law to permanently close part of the said highway
was posted on the notices page of the City's web site in accordance with the
requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162 and the North York
Community Council heard any person who wished to speak to the matter at its meeting
held on November 15, 2016;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Part of the public highway known as Leila Lane, south of Varna Park, described
as follows, is hereby permanently closed as a public highway:

PART OF PIN 10223-0092 (LT)
PART OF LEILA LANE PL 5633 NORTH YORK, DESIGNATED AS PARTS 1, 2 AND 3,
PLAN 66R-28973; CITY OF TORONTO

Enacted and passed on _____, 2016.

Frances Nunziata
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)



