Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic of a 0.3 Metre Wide Strip of Land on the East Side of the North-South Portion of the Public Lane Located at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street

Date: May 24, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that a 0.3 metre wide strip of land on the east side of the north-south portion of the public lane at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street be permanently closed to vehicular traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure to vehicular traffic of a 0.3 metre wide strip of land on the east side of the north-south portion of the public lane at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 66R-29325, and shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2017-022 (the "Reserve Strip"), attached to the report dated May 24, 2017, from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East 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 May 24, 2017, from the Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The closing of the Reserve Strip to vehicular traffic will not result in any costs to the City as no physical changes are required to implement the closure of the Reserve Strip.

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

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC), at its meeting of February 22, 2017, adopted Item TE22.103, thereby directing the General Manager, Transportation Services to initiate the process to stop up and close the north south portion of the public lane or to establish a 0.3 metre wide reserve strip to restrict vehicular access and to report back to the May 2, 2017 meeting of Toronto and East York Community Council.

It was determined that closing a 0.3 metre wide strip would accomplish the desired effect without restricting access to the rear of the properties that currently use the public lane.

In order to close any public highway lands, a reference plan of survey is required for the preparation of the closing by-law. The reference had not been completed in time to report to the May 2, 2017 TEYCC meeting therefore, we are reporting to the June 13, 2017 TEYCC meeting.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff has investigated the feasibility of closing the Reserve Strip to vehicular traffic and has determined that the Reserve Strip can be closed.

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is an Appendix to the report that recommends the closure of the Reserve Strip and is tabled at the same TEYCC meeting that 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 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting at which the proposed closing by-law to close the Reserve Strip will be considered.
APPENDIX 'A'

Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE22.103 as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July 5, 6 and 7 2017.

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Bill No. BY-LAW No. -2017

To permanently close part of the public highway known as a 0.3 m strip of the east side of the public lane running north-south at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street to vehicular traffic.

Whereas it is recommended that part of the public highway known as a 0.3 metre wide strip of land on the east side of the north-south portion of the public lane at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street, designated as Part 1 on Plan 66R-29325 be permanently closed to vehicular traffic.

Whereas notice of the proposed by-law to permanently close part of the said part of the highway to vehicular traffic 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 June 13, 2017;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Part of the public highway known as a 0.3 metre wide strip of land on the east side of the north-south portion of the public lane at the rear of 1126-1140 Gerrard Street East and 387 and 389R Leslie Street described as follows, is hereby permanently closed to vehicular traffic:

   Part of PIN 21045-0171 (LT)

Part of Lane on Plan 29E, City of Toronto, designated as Part 1 on Plan 66R-29325
Closure to Vehicular Traffic, a portion of the public lane at the rear of 389R Leslie Street