

## **Permanent Closure of the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street at the Agincourt GO Station**

**Date:** June 13, 2018  
**To:** Scarborough Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District  
**Wards:** Ward 39 - Scarborough-Agincourt

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services recommends that the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street at the Agincourt GO Station, be permanently closed.

The public highway to be closed will be incorporated into improving parking expansion and station infrastructure initiatives at the Agincourt GO Station.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the public highway, at the end portion of Dowry Street at Agincourt GO Station, shown as Part 1 on Sketch No. PS-2017-107 (the "Highway") attached to the report dated June 13, 2018, from the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District. Part 2 on the same Sketch (the "Retained Lands") will be closed to vehicular traffic and retained by Transportation Services. A report to authorize the closure of the Retained Lands will be submitted to Scarborough Community Council in 2019.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated June 13, 2018, from the Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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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 April 11, 2018 by DAF No. 2018-145, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Highway. The intended manner of disposal is by inviting an offer to purchase the Highway from Metrolinx.

By DAF No. 2018-228, dated June 14, 2018, the Deputy City Manager, Internal Corporate Services (DCM, ICS) 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 DAF No. 2018-228, the DCM, ICS, authorized the sale of the Highway to the Metrolinx, conditional upon City Council authorizing the permanent closure of the Highway.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that the Highway can be closed and sold to the Metrolinx subject to the reservation of permanent easements to be granted to the following municipal services and public utilities, as set out below.

Toronto Water – an active 150 mm diameter watermain, a storm sewer and a fire hydrant are located within the Highway;

Enbridge Gas – existing NPS 1 ¼ PE IP gas main;

Toronto Hydro – existing buried cable and a Hydro pole with attached luminaire;

Bell Canada – existing 1 duct (PVCD2) connecting to customer entrance duct at 4101 Sheppard Avenue East and direct buried copper cable feeding 8 Dowry Street.

If necessary, the cost for the removal or relocation of any of the above-noted municipal services or public utilities are the sole responsibility of the Applicant.

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is an Appendix to this report that recommends the closure of the Highway which will be tabled at the same Scarborough Community Council meeting where the public will have the Opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.

As part of the permanent closure of the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street, the City requires that the remaining portion of Dowry Street, approximately 45 metres immediately west of the portion being permanently closed, be closed to vehicular traffic. This closure to vehicular traffic will alleviate concerns raised by residents regarding illegal parking and traffic congestion related to passenger drop-off and pick-up from the Agincourt GO Station.

Metrolinx has agreed to undertake the design and construction of the modifications to this section of Dowry Street. Metrolinx will be responsible for all costs associated with the modifications to Dowry Street.

The construction of the modifications to Dowry Street is expected to occur in conjunction with the work at the Agincourt GO Station.

The requirements 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 website for at least five working days prior to the Scarborough Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Highway will be considered.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – Appendix "A" – Draft By-law  
Attachment 2 – Sketch No. PS-2017-107, dated November 23, 2017

Authority: Scarborough Community Council Item \_\_\_\_\_, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on July \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Enacted by Council:

**CITY OF TORONTO**

Bill No.

**BY-LAW -2018**

**To permanently close the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street at the Agincourt GO Station**

Whereas it is recommended that part of the public highway known as the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street at the Agincourt GO Station 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 website in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, and the Scarborough Community Council heard any person who wished to speak to the matter at its meeting held on July 4, 2018;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Part of the public highway known the easterly 15 metres of Dowry Street at the Agincourt GO Station, and described as follows, is hereby permanently closed as a public highway:

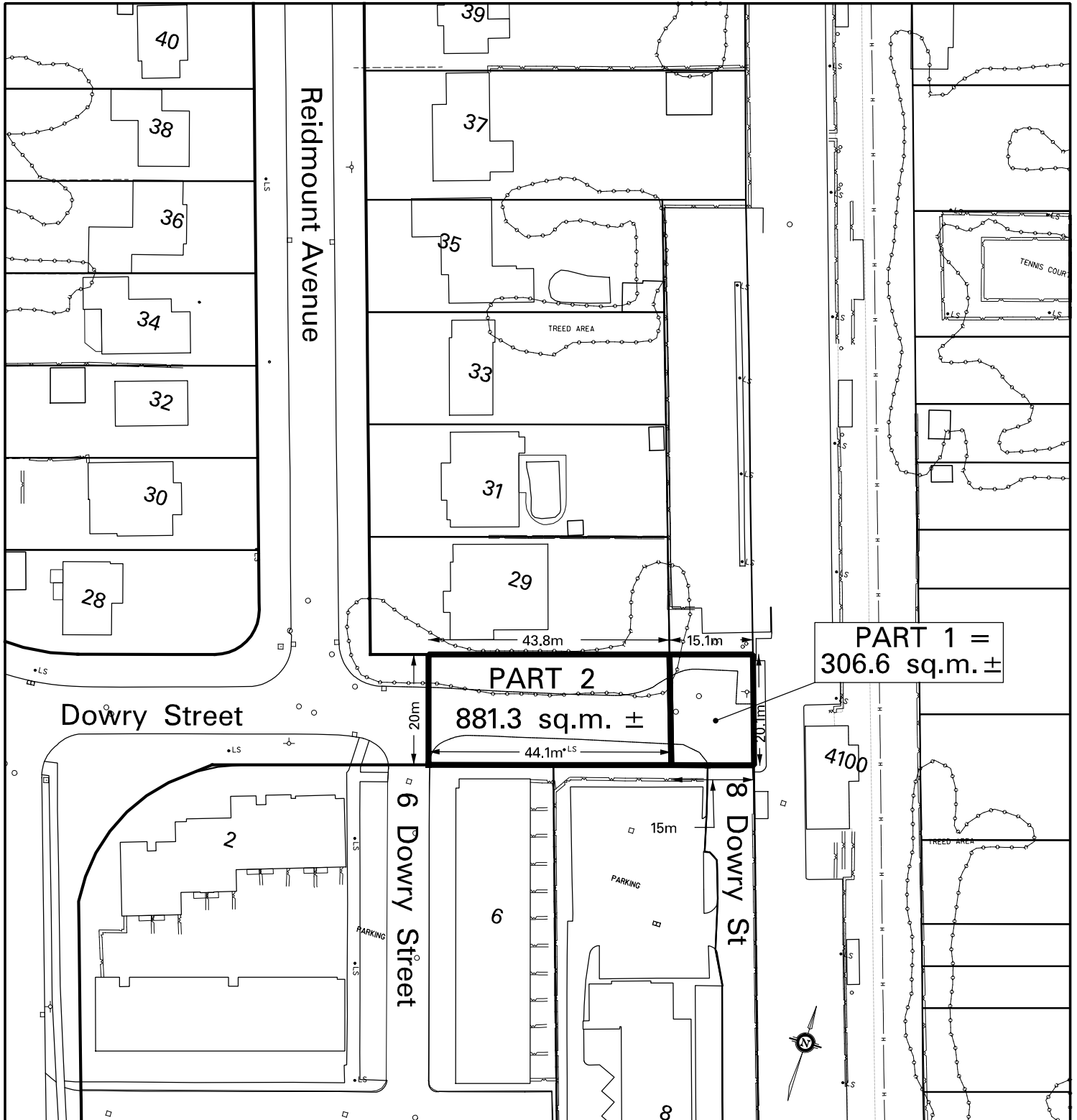
**Part of Dowry Street, Registered Plan 366, designated as Part 5, Plan 66R-29349, Toronto, being part of PIN 06104-0281(LT)**

Enacted and passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)



PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

SKETCH SHOWING PORTIONS OF  
DOWRY STREET

NOTE:  
THIS SKETCH HAS BEEN  
COMPILED FROM OFFICE  
RECORDS. MEASUREMENTS  
ARE APPROXIMATE

CHECK BY JOHN HOUSE

PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

WARD 39 – SCARBOROUGH-AGINCOURT  
DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2017

SKETCH No. PS-2017-107