

Permanent Closure of Portion of Dundas Street West abutting 3819 Bloor Street West

Date: March 1, 2019
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program,
Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke–Lakeshore

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that a portion of Dundas Street West abutting 3819 Bloor Street West be permanently closed in connection with the City-initiated Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the portion of Dundas Street West abutting 3819 Bloor Street West designated as Parts 3 and 4 on Reference Plan 66R-30521, and also shown as Parts 3 and 4 on Sketch No. PS-2017-110 (the "Highway Lands"), attached as Appendices "B" and "C", respectively, to the report dated March 1, 2019, from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.
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 1, 2019, from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with the closure of the Highway Lands.

The 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, as amended (City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 213), the Highway Lands were declared surplus on March 15, 2017 by DAF No. 2017-055, conditional upon City Council approving the permanent closure of the Highway Lands, with the intended manner of disposal to be by way of a land exchange with the owner of 3819 Bloor Street West, being The Trustees of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Islington (the "Church").

By DAF No. 2018-359, on November 22, 2018, the Director, Real Estate Services authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Highway Lands in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities. By DAF No. 2018-359, the Director, Real Estate Services, also authorized a land exchange involving the Highway Lands with the Church, conditional upon City Council authorizing the permanent closure of the Highway Lands.

COMMENTS

In order to complete the Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration Project (the "Interchange Project"), the City requires certain permanent and temporary property interests from the Church. The City and the Church have entered into a conditional land exchange agreement that, if completed, will result in the conveyance to the City of the property interests it requires from the Church and the conveyance to the Church of the Highway Lands, which will be surplus to the City's requirements as a result of the Interchange Project.

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway Lands. Given the construction of new roads in the general vicinity as part of the Interchange Project, the Highway Lands are no longer required for public highway purposes and can be closed and, following completion of the Interchange Project, sold to the Church.

Any municipal services and public utilities within the Highway Lands will be decommissioned, abandoned, removed or relocated as part of the Interchange Project.

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 Lands, which will be tabled at the same Etobicoke York Community Council meeting at which the public has the opportunity to speak to the matter if they wish to do so.

The requirements of 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 (5) working days prior to the Etobicoke York Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Highway Lands will be considered.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Appendix "A" – Draft By-law
Attachment 2 – Appendix "B" – Reference Plan 66R-30521
Attachment 3 – Appendix "C" – Sketch No. PS-2017-110