

Permanent Closure of a Portion of the Western Terminus of Randolph Avenue

Date: December 14, 2020
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program
Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

SUMMARY

Transportation Services recommends that a portion of the western terminus of Randolph Avenue be permanently closed and sold to Metrolinx in conjunction with the Kitchener Corridor GO Transit expansion project, specifically the Bloor GO Station building pavilion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of a portion of the western terminus of Randolph Avenue, designated as Part 20 on Plan 66R-31423 and containing a land area of 4.5 m² (the "Highway"), attached to the report dated December 14, 2020, 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 December 14, 2020, from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.
3. City Council authorize Transportation Services staff to advise the public of the proposed closure of the Highway prior to implementation, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities, by posting notice of the proposed closure on the notice page of the City's website for at least 5 working days prior to the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting which the proposed by-law to close the Highway will be considered.

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.

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

DECISION HISTORY

In accordance with the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162, Public Notice, all lands constituting public highways that are to be permanently closed for the Metrolinx Regional Rail Project (now known as GO Expansion Program) are exempted from the requirements of this Chapter.

At its meeting on September 30, October 1 and 2, 2020, City Council considered EX16.4 Metrolinx-City of Toronto Master Agreement for the GO Expansion Program, and authorized the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to negotiate, enter into, and execute agreements, as may be required, with Metrolinx, for the acquisition and disposition of necessary real estate interests required in connection with the West Toronto Railpath and the adjacent GO Expansion Program, and per conditions set out in the report.

COMMENTS

On October 7, 2020, by the registration of Expropriation Plan AT5540364, all right, title and interests to a portion of the western terminus of Randolph Avenue, shown as Part 7 of AT5540364, and also shown as Part 13 on 66R-31423, has been expropriated by Metrolinx, title of which now vests with Metrolinx. The expropriation was required for the GO Expansion Program, specifically for the Bloor GO Station building pavilion.

Metrolinx, however, advised that it require the conveyance of the Highway to form part of the Bloor GO Station building pavilion.

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Highway and has determined that it can be closed and sold to Metrolinx, subject to the relocation of any municipal services and public utilities located within the Highway at no cost to City of Toronto or subject to retention or grant of any public utility easements.

As of the writing of this report, the steps necessary to comply with the City's real estate disposal process, as set out in Chapter 213 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, have not been complied with, as the Highway to be sold to Metrolinx has not been declared surplus. However, by the date of consideration by Community Council, the necessary steps would have been complied with.

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 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting where the public will have 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 website for at least five (5) working days prior to the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting at which the proposed by-law to close the Highway will be considered.

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Ashley Curtis, Director
Transportation Planning and Capital Program
Transportation Services

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Appendix "A" – Draft By-law
Attachment 2 – Portion of Reference Plan 66R-31423

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Authority: Toronto and East York Community Council Item TE____, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on _____, 2021.

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill

BY-LAW -2021

To permanently close part of the public highway known as Randolph Avenue, Toronto.

Whereas it is recommended that part of the public highway known as Randolph Avenue, Toronto 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 Toronto and East York Community Council heard any person who wished to speak to the matter at its meeting held on _____;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Part of the public highway known as Randolph Avenue, Toronto, and described as follows, is hereby permanently closed as a public highway:

Part of PIN 21328-0540 (LT)

Part of Parcel 215, Section Township of York, Part of Maude Avenue, Plan M23 Toronto lying west of Churchill Avenue designated as Part 20 on Plan 66R-31423; Toronto; City of Toronto.

Enacted and passed on _____, 2021.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
Interim City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

Attachment 2 – Portion of Reference Plan 66R-31423

