

## **Permanent Closure to Vehicular Traffic, the North-South Public Lane west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West**

**Date:** March 30, 2021  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program  
Transportation Services  
**Wards:** Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York

### **SUMMARY**

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Transportation Services recommends that the public lane west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West, be permanently closed to vehicular traffic.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure to vehicular traffic of the north-south public lane, west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Sketch No. PS-2021-009 (the "Lane"), attached to the report dated March 30, 2021, from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services; and
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Appendix "B" to the report dated March 30, 2021, from the Director, Transportation Planning and Capital Program, Transportation Services.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The permanent closing of the Lane to vehicular traffic will not result in any substantial cost to the City. It is estimated that the cost to remove a curb cut along Queen Street West, to restrict vehicle access is approximately \$4,200 and is available in the Transportation Services 2021 Budget.

The corresponding curb cut along Richmond Street West will be removed by an adjacent development site, at no cost to the City.

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

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting of July 23, 2018, City Council considered TE34.13, entitled "520 Richmond Street West - Zoning Amendment, Application - Final Report", which authorized staff to enter into an agreement with the owner of the development property at 520 Richmond St. West, pursuant to which the owner is required to restore the portion of the public lane immediately abutting the property at 520 Richmond Street West (between Richmond Street West and Rush Lane) in accordance with City standards and reflecting any required public realm improvements associated with the future pedestrianization of the lane to be initiated by the City, from Richmond Street West to Queen Street West, to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Service.

By Delegated Approval Form No. 2021-063, executed by the Director, Transaction Services, Corporate Real Estate Management, authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public of a proposed by-law to close the Lane in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities, with the Toronto and East York Community Council to hear any member of the public who wishes to speak to the matter during consideration of the proposed by-law.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of closing the Lane to vehicular traffic and has determined that it can be closed without negatively impacting adjacent properties. Furthermore, closing the lane to vehicular traffic will support mid-block pedestrian connections identified by the King-Spadina Secondary Plan review.

Closing the lane to vehicular traffic will require the removal of curb cuts along Richmond Street West and Queen Street West. The curb cut along Richmond Street will be removed in conjunction with the development of the property at 520 Richmond Street

West. The curb cut along Queen Street West will be removed by Transportation Services.

The closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law is an Appendix to this report that recommends the closure of the Lane 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.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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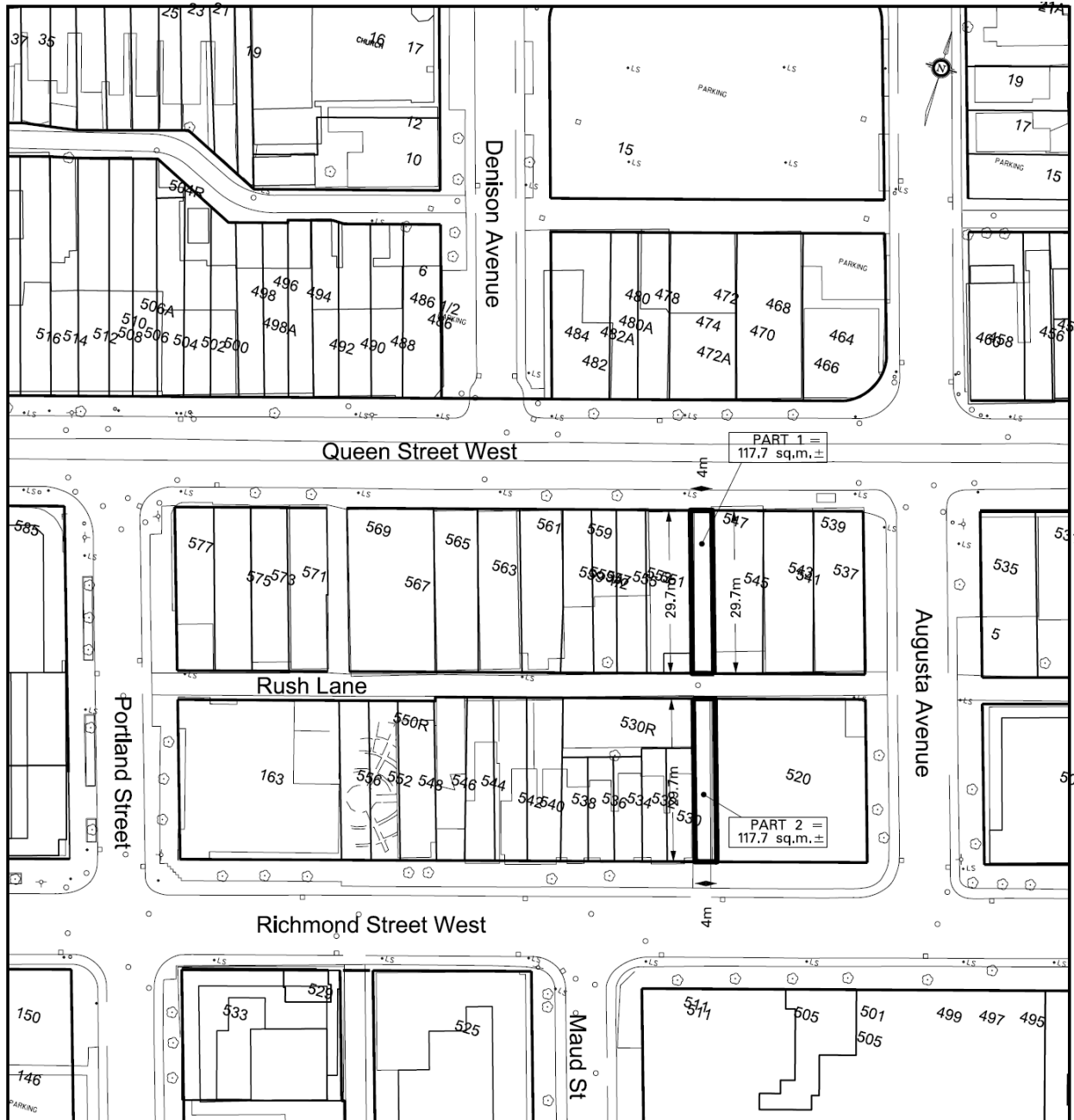
Ashley Curtis, Director  
Transportation Planning and Capital Program  
Transportation Services

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – Appendix "A" – Sketch No. PS-2021-009  
Attachment 2 – Appendix "B" – Draft By-law

Attachment 1 – Appendix "A" – Sketch PS-2021-009



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

CHECK BY ANA MICHALEK  
PREPARED BY: DWAYNE PITT

WARD 10 - SPADINA-FORT YORK  
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2021

PROPERTY INFORMATION SHEET

SKETCH SHOWING NORTH-SOUTH LANE WEST OF  
AUGUST AVENUE, BETWEEN RICHMOND STREET WEST  
AND QUEEN STREET WEST

SKETCH No. PS-2021-009

Attachment 2 – Appendix "B" – Draft By-law

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

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**Bill**

**BY-LAW -2021**

**To permanently close to vehicular traffic the north-south public lane, west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West**

WHEREAS it is recommended that the north-south public lane, west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West be permanently closed to vehicular traffic but not to pedestrian traffic.

WHEREAS notice of the proposed by-law to permanently close the said public lane 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 Toronto and East York Community Council heard any person who wished to speak to the matter at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. The north-south public lane, west of Augusta Avenue, between Richmond Street West and Queen Street West, is hereby permanently closed to vehicular traffic but not to pedestrian traffic:

Firstly: (North of Rush Lane)

PIN 21239-0338 (LT)

LANE ON PLAN 135 TORONTO, ABUTTING THE EAST LIMIT OF LOT 29  
ON PLAN 135, CITY OF TORONTO

Secondly: (South of Rush Lane)

PIN 21239-0339 (LT)

LANE ON PLAN 135 TORONTO, LYING EAST OF PLAN 63R-2927, CITY  
OF TORONTO

Enacted and passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
Interim City Clerk

(Seal of the City)