

Thomas Clark Way Extension Progress Update

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To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Project Design and Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

SUMMARY

Thomas Clark Way is a planned street that will serve the community located to the southeast of the Bayview Avenue and Sheppard Avenue East intersection. The street will extend approximately 200 metres (m) between Kenaston Gardens in the west and Rean Drive in the east, with a two-way stop-controlled intersection at Barberry Place. The street will have a right-of-way width varying between 16.5m and 20.0m with a paved surface of 8.5 m, including wide sidewalks on both sides of the street and grassed boulevard space.

Portions of Thomas Clark Way have been constructed between Rean Drive and Barberry Place and between Barberry Place and Kenaston Gardens. These sections are dedicated as a future public road but are not yet assumed by the City. The remaining segment of Thomas Clark Way will be delivered by the City. Detailed design for the remaining segment is underway and anticipated to be completed by Q1 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Project Design and Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the recommendations contained in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 6, 2022, North York Community Council requested an update on the implementation of the Thomas Clark Way extension:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2022.NY29.23>

At its meeting on May 14 and 15, 2019, City Council endorsed the renaming of this new street to "Thomas Clark Way":

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY5.16>

At its meeting on December 17, 2017, City Council approved the expropriation of 13 and 23 Barberry Place for the purpose of constructing the street:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.GM23.17>

At its meeting on December 13, 14, and 15, 2016, City Council endorsed the preferred alternative design for the new east-west street connecting Rean Drive to Kenaston Gardens:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW17.5>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, Engineering & Construction Services, Corporate Real Estate Management (CREM), and City Planning are coordinating activities to advance the implementation of Thomas Clark Way.

Following completion of the 2016 Environmental Assessment study which identified the preferred design for the new street, the City secured the necessary lands required for the planned right-of-way in 2018 and then began the process of detailed design in 2019.

Detailed Design

Engineering & Construction Services, Local Roads (ECS-LR), is leading the detailed design of this new street. Detailed design advanced to approximately a 60% design level before being put on hold to resolve technical challenges, including the demolition of two residential homes. The schedule was further impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. City staff now anticipate completing the design by Q1 2023.

Demolition

Before the new street can advance to construction, two residential homes located at 13 and 23 Barberry Place need to be demolished. Demolition will be led by CREM and is tentatively planned for Q3 2023. CREM is currently preparing to procure consultant services necessary to tender the demolition. The scope of work for the demolition will include the removal of some trees, consistent with the tree impacts that were previously identified in the EA study, and potentially additional geotechnical assessments on both properties to identify any soil contamination.

Construction Timing

Following completion of detailed design and demolition, ECS-LR, is anticipated to begin construction of Thomas Clark Way in 2023.

Transportation Services staff have identified approximately 215 square metres of surplus land within 13 Barberry Place that is not required for the future right-of-way of Thomas Clark Way. Transportation Services and CREM are exploring the opportunity to declare the lands as surplus with the potential to sell the lands to the developer of 589 Sheppard and 7 to 9 Barberry Place. There is a development application submitted for this site (City Planning File No 20 233673 NNY 17 OZ). The delivery of Thomas Clark Way is otherwise not directly impacted by this development.

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