

Permanent Road Closure - Agincourt Drive, north of Sheppard Avenue East and Road Dedication - Sheppard Avenue East, east of Reidmount Avenue

Date: November 20, 2024

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 22 - Scarborough-Agincourt

SUMMARY

This report recommends the permanent closure of an unused portion of Agincourt Drive ("City Lands") between Sheppard Avenue East and a point 30 metres north, and the dedication of lands adjacent to Sheppard Avenue East, east of Reidmount Avenue ("Metrolinx Lands"), as part of the public highway Sheppard Avenue East. These actions address remnant parcels created by Sheppard Avenue East Grade Separation and Agincourt GO Station improvements.

The City Lands, described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-33288, will be transferred to Metrolinx to support the Agincourt GO Station. In exchange, Metrolinx will transfer the Metrolinx Lands, described as Part 1 on Plan 66R-33287, to the City for dedication as a public highway.

Both transactions will be executed under delegated authority in accordance with Toronto Municipal Chapter 213. Following the transfer, City Council approval is required for their closure and dedication by-laws, respectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy General Manager, Transportation Service recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the unused portion of the public road known as Agincourt Drive, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-33288, attached as Attachment 1 to the report dated November 20, 2024, from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services.
2. City Council enact a by-law to permanently close the unused portion of the public road known as Agincourt Drive, substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Attachment 2 to the report dated November 20, 2024, from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services.

3. City Council authorize public highway designation and dedicate the lands described as Part 1 on Plan 66R-33287, set out as Attachment 3 to the report dated November 20, 2024, from the Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, to take effect upon transfer of Part 1 by Metrolinx to the City, to form a part of the public highway known as Sheppard Avenue East.

4. City Council authorize the appropriate City Officials to take all steps necessary to implement the proposed dedication referred to in Recommendation 3 above, including requesting the City Solicitor to prepare and submit the relevant bill(s) necessary to register the resultant by-law(s), if required; and

5. City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to submit directly to City Council at the appropriate time any necessary bills to amend the effective date of any dedication by-law(s) and/or permanent closure by-law(s) made in connection with the report dated November 20, 2024, from Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, to, among other things, insert a specific effective date.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact on the City arising out of the proposed permanent road closure and road dedication as all costs associated with these transactions are the responsibility of Metrolinx.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held on April 24, 25, 26 and 27, 2018, City Council adopted Item EX33.1, which contained delegated authority for land disposal to Metrolinx and authorization for permanent closure of public highways with respect to the Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2018.EX33.1>

COMMENTS

Metrolinx, as part of the GO Expansion Program (formerly the Regional Express Rail Program) has completed improvements to Agincourt GO Station and Sheppard Avenue East on the Stouffville rail corridor within the City of Toronto. These enhancements are essential to support planned service capacity improvements for the Stouffville Line.

Key upgrades to Agincourt GO Station include the following:

- A new passenger pick-up and drop-off area to increase accessibility to the Station.
- A new second track and platform along with a renovated existing platform to support future two-way, all-day service.
- Two new pedestrian tunnels with elevators and stairs to improve accessibility for commuters.

- Canopies and integrated shelters on the platforms to protect customers from the elements.
- Improved connections to Sheppard Avenue at the south end of the platforms.

A grade separation was constructed on Sheppard Avenue East to improve traffic operations and accommodate increased service capacity for the Stouffville GO rail line. This grade separation required a partial realignment of both Agincourt Drive and Sheppard Avenue East, resulting in remnant land parcels, highlighted in red in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 – Remnant Land Parcels

Source: Metrolinx

The remnant City of Toronto lands, which are currently designated as road right-of-way, were originally part of Agincourt Drive but have remained unused since the road was realigned to the east in 2013. Staff recommend enacting a road closure by-law to formally stop-up and close these lands as part of the Agincourt Drive road right-of-way and facilitate their transfer to Metrolinx. The transfer will be authorized under delegated authority, as outlined in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 213.

The Metrolinx lands, resulting from the partial alignment of Sheppard Avenue East, include concrete sidewalk, boulevard, and roadway infrastructure. Metrolinx will transfer these lands to the City through a land acquisition transaction authorized by delegated authority in accordance with Toronto Municipal Chapter 213. Following the transfer, City Council will need to enact a by-law to formally designate these land parcels as part of the public highway on Sheppard Avenue East.

The proposed road right-of-way closure is consistent with the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment study, a Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and has fulfilled the required public consultation process. Furthermore, a Phase One Environmental Site Assessment was completed for the Agincourt GO Permanent Road Closure on Agincourt Drive and Road Dedication on Sheppard Avenue East

Station and the identified lands to evaluate potential project impacts and determine mitigation measures. The assessment was reviewed by Transportation Services and confirmed to meet the environmental real estate requirements outlined in Chapter 213, General Condition (H).

Approval from City Council is required to proceed with the highway closure and road dedication process. The draft by-law included in Attachment 2 of this report recommends the closure of the specified portion of the highway.

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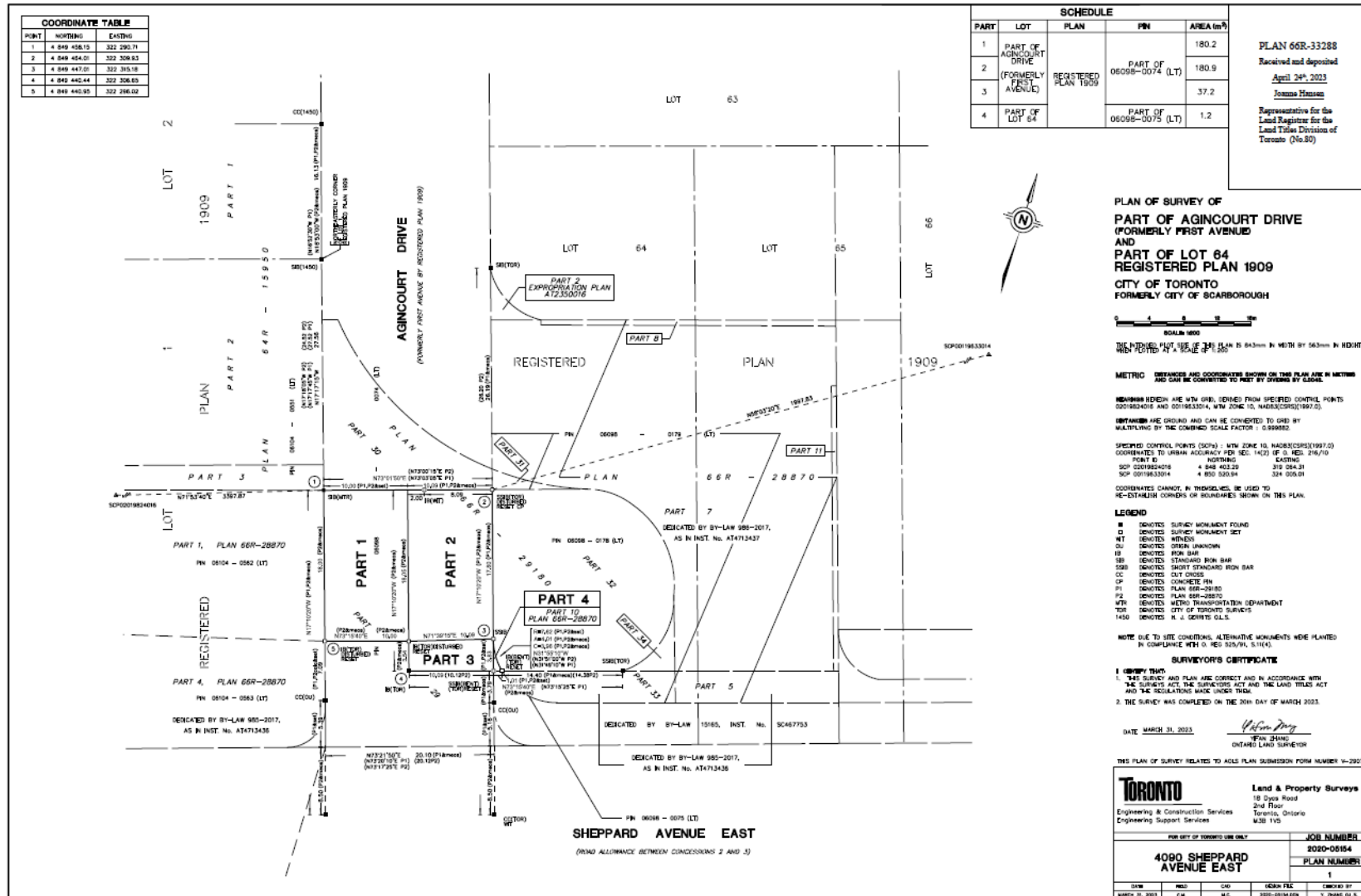
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Reference Plan 66R-33288 (City of Toronto Lands)
Attachment 2 – Draft By-law Road Closure
Attachment 3 – Reference Plan 66R-33287 (Metrolinx Lands)

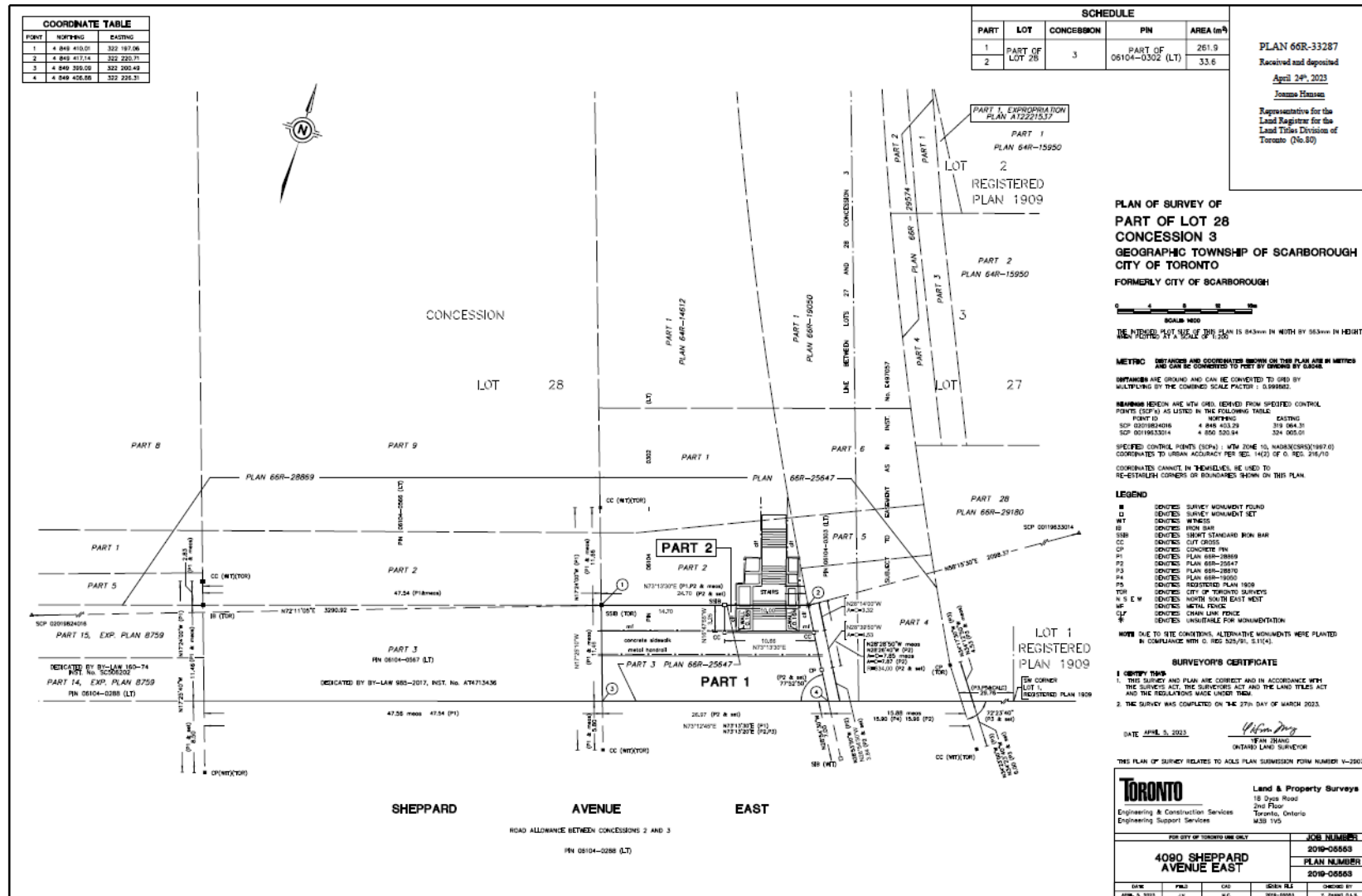
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