

Designation of Fire Routes and Amendment to Chapter 880 - Fire Routes – 1090 Don Mills Road

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To: North York Community Council
From: Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services
Ward: 16

SUMMARY

To obtain North York Community Council approval for the amendment of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880 (“Fire Route By-law”) to remove a location previously designated as a fire route within the meaning of the Fire Route By-law. Specifically, this report seeks to remove the location previously designated as a fire route with respect to 1090 Don Mills Road and add a new designation of a fire route on these same premises on private roads under the new site plans.

Toronto Fire Services uses designated fire routes as a key mechanism in regulating fire prevention, protection from fires by ensuring access for fire service vehicles. In 2014, portions of the private roads on the premises municipally known as 1090 Don Mills Road were designated as a fire route within the meaning of the Fire Route By-law, for the purposes of ensuring fire safety for these premises. Due to proposed modifications of the physical structures located on 1090 Don Mills Road, the fire route previously designated in 2014 with respect to said premises will no longer be an effective fire route for the purposes of fire prevention. As such, the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services (“Fire Chief”) believes this previously-designated fire route should no longer be designated as a fire route for purposes of the City’s Fire Route By-law.

However, the physical structures on 1090 Don Mills Road, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, still require a designated fire route to assist in regulating fire prevention. The Fire Chief has received new modified site plans reflecting the updated status of 1090 Don Mills Road, and has determined that those parts of the private road or roads shown on modified site plans filed with the Fire Chief in respect of 1090 Don Mills Road establish an effective fire route and as such should be designated as a fire route for purposes of the City’s Fire Route By-law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, recommends that:

1. North York Community Council amend Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, to remove the previous designation of the part or parts of the private road or roads shown on the site plans previously filed with the Fire Chief in respect of the municipal address, 1090 Don Mills Road; and to replace this designation with a new designation of the part or parts of the private road or roads shown on the site plans recently filed with the Fire Chief in respect of the municipal address 1090 Don Mills Road, which reflect the current physical conditions on these premises.
2. North York Community Council authorize the Fire Chief and City Solicitor to take the appropriate action to remove the previous designated Fire Route and to make a new designated Fire Route.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

NY34.59 - Designation of Fire Routes and amendment to Chapter 880 - Fire Routes - To repeal the designation of a certain portion of the property municipally known as 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part A) and 939 Lawrence Avenue E (Part B) City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 880, Fire Routes, was amended to repeal a previous designation of the private road on the property formerly municipally known as 939 Lawrence Avenue East, and now known as 1090 Don Mills Road; and to replace it with a new designation of the private road on the property.

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COMMENTS

Fire Services receives applications from property owners to designate roads on their properties as fire routes under the Fire Route By-law. A fire route prohibits the parking of vehicles at the designated location and provides for the removal of such vehicles, to allow continuous access to Fire Services vehicles, equipment and apparatus for the prevention and protection against fires.

Designation of fire routes ensure appropriate access for fire vehicles across the City and assist with regulating fire prevention and reduce the negative impact of fire on human lives, property and the environment. A new application has been received to designate a fire route for the following location in the City of Toronto:

- 1090 Don Mills Road

Site plans submitted with the applications have been examined by Fire Services staff and the locations are recommended for designation as fire routes so long as they satisfy the requirements of the Fire Route By-law. The current fire route for 1090 Don Mills Road, listed in the Schedule A, to the Fire Route By-law, designated as a fire route in 2014, by means of City of Toronto By-Law No. 1070-2014, will no longer be an effective fire route for purposes of fire prevention. As result, the Fire Chief believes this previously designated fire route should no longer be designated as a fire route for purposes of the City's Fire Route By-law. Given the configuration of this address and the physical properties, the address does still require a designated fire route.

The Fire Chief has received new site plans reflecting the current status of the premises municipally known as 1090 Don Mills Road, and has determined that those parts of the private road or roads shown on these modified site plans filed with the Fire Chief in respect of the premises municipally known as 1090 Don Mills Road establish an effective fire route 1090 Don Mills Road, and as such should be designated as a fire route for purposes of the City's Fire Route By-law.

Modified site plans reflecting the modified conditions of this location have been examined by Fire Services. The Fire Chief recommends that the fire route be designated for the above location to assist with public safety for residents.

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ATTACHMENTS

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