

## **Permanent Closure of a Portion of the Public Laneway at 66-66Y Third Street**

**Date:** November 19, 2025

**To:** Planning and Housing Committee

**From:** Acting General Manager, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 3 – Etobicoke–Lakeshore

### **SUMMARY**

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The northern portion of the existing parking lot at 66-66Y Third Street is dedicated as a public laneway through By-law 1991-0017. There is an existing public laneway immediately north of the site. The closure of the public laneway within the parking lot will have no impact on the existing laneway to the north of the site.

This report is required to facilitate the closure of a portion of the public laneway on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street, in accordance with the decision adopted by City Council on July 23 and 24, 2025, through Planning and Housing Committee report PH23.3 "Advancing Six Sites for the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy".

As part of the adoption of item PH23.3, City Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services and any other appropriate staff to initiate the process, including all required investigations, confirmations and reports, to permanently close a portion of the public laneway on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street.

In accordance with direction from City Council, Transportation Services initiated the process to permanently close a portion of the public laneway on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street. Following all required investigations, Transportation Services has determined that it can be closed and recommends that City Council permanently close a portion of the public laneway at 66Y Third Street, as shown in the registered plan of survey as Part 2 on Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 of this report.

Once closed, the jurisdiction and operational responsibility for the former laneway lands will be transferred from Transportation Services to Toronto Shelter and Support Services (TSSS) to enable the construction and management of a new municipal shelter at 66–66Y Third Street. City Council approval is necessary whenever a part of a public laneway is proposed to be permanently closed. Given this closure is required to enable the development in the decision adopted by City Council on July 23 and 24, 2025, through Planning and Housing Committee report PH23.3, which recognized the

new municipal shelter as a project of City-wide significance, this report has been submitted to the Planning and Housing Committee for consideration with recommendations for City Council approval.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the portion of public laneway on a portion of 66–66Y Third Street (the “Closed Highway Lands”), as delineated as Part 2 on Attachment 2 to this report.
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law included as Attachment 1 (Draft By-law) to this report, subject to such modifications as required by the City Solicitor.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations in this report. The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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On July 23 and 24, 2025, City Council adopted Item PH23.3, “Advancing Six Sites for the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy,” including amendments to City of Toronto Zoning By-law 569-2013 for the lands municipally known as 66-66Y Third Street substantially in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment included as Attachment 13 to the report (July 2, 2025) from the Executive Director, Development Review, and included a recommendation that City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and any other appropriate staff to initiate the process, including all required investigations, confirmations and reports, to permanently close the public lane on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street. Council agenda link:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.PH23.3>

## **COMMENTS**

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This report is required to implement the closure of a portion of the public laneway on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street in accordance with the decision made by City Council on July 23 and 24, 2025, through Planning and Housing Committee report PH23.3 “Advancing Six Sites for the Homelessness Services Capital Infrastructure Strategy”.

As part of the adoption of item PH23.3, City Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services and any other appropriate staff to initiate the process, including

all required investigations, confirmations and reports, to permanently the public laneway on a portion of 66-66Y Third Street.

While currently operating as a surface parking lot managed by the Toronto Parking Authority, the northern portion of the lot at 66–66Y Third Street is legally designated as a public laneway under former City of Etobicoke By-law 1991-0017 and has never functioned as a laneway.

The portion of the public laneway proposed for closure at 66Y Third Street is shown as Part 2 on the draft Reference Plan (Attachment 2). It measures approximately 14.26 metres in width and extends about 37.49 metres in length, with a total area of roughly 534.61 square metres. The laneway designation runs parallel to the northern property line of 66–66Y Third Street and currently functions as part of the paved parking area with curb access to Third Street.

For clarity, the existing east–west laneway, located immediately north of the site, described as "Ln S Lake Shore E Fourth", will remain open, and will be widened by 0.98 metres, and will continue to function as a public laneway, providing access to adjacent properties. The existing east-west laneway does not currently provide vehicular access to the existing parking lot.

In accordance with direction from City Council, Transportation Services initiated the process to investigate permanently closing a portion of the public laneway on a portion of 66–66Y Third Street.

As a result of this review, Transportation Services has determined that closure of a portion of the public laneway at 66Y Third Street will not negatively affect emergency access, traffic operations, or pedestrian connectivity. All utility providers and City divisions have been consulted. Existing infrastructure within the closure area will be removed as necessary (i.e. existing parking lot lighting and power supply).

Following all required investigations, Transportation Services has determined that permanently closing a portion of the public laneway at 66Y Third Street as identified in this report is recommended, and required, to refine the laneway boundaries with the property boundaries within the proposed site plan, eliminate unused and redundant right-of-way segments required for the site layout, access, and servicing needs in accordance with the Council decision adopted through PH23.3.

The public laneway closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft By-law is provided in Attachment 1 to this report. At the time of the drafting of this report, the Reference Plan (R-Plan) has not yet been deposited with the Land Registry Office. Once deposited, the R-Plan will provide the legal description of the subject lands, to be included in the draft By-law prior to enactment by Council. The attachments to this report will be duly updated.

The requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ and Municipal Code Chapter 162 (Public Notice) 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 Planning and Housing committee meeting at which the proposed By-law to close the public laneway (as a public Highway) will be considered.

Following City Council approval, the City Solicitor will register the closure by-law with the Land Registry Office.

Once closed, the jurisdiction and operational responsibility for the former laneway will be transferred from Transportation Services to Toronto Shelter and Support Services (TSSS) to enable the construction and management of a new municipal shelter at 66–66Y Third Street.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Draft By-law  
Attachment 2: Draft R-Plan - Proposed Closure of Public Laneway at 66Y Third Street.  
Attachment 3: Detail of Parts 1 and 2 of Lot 63 of Draft R-Plan - Proposed Closure of Public Laneway at 66Y Third Street