

Permanent Closure of Portions of the Public Highway at 6600 Lawrence Avenue East

Date: June 22, 2026

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 25 – Scarborough–Rouge Park

SUMMARY

As this report recommends the permanent closure of a portion of a public highway, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services recommends that City Council permanently stop up and close the portions of the public highway municipally known as 6600 Lawrence Avenue East, that are lands north of Lawrence Avenue East and west of Starspray Boulevard, legally described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-34623 (the “Subject Lands”).

The Subject Lands form part of the Lawrence Avenue East public right-of-way but are not required for current or future municipal transportation purposes. The lands are proposed to be transferred from Transportation Services to Parks and Recreation for the development of a public park and dog off-leash area.

Transportation Services has reviewed the proposal and has no objections to the permanent closure of the public highway designation on the Subject Lands.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the portions of the public highway north of Lawrence Avenue East and west of Starspray Boulevard, described as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-34623, City of Toronto, shown on Attachment 1 to the report from the Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, dated June 22, 2026, thereby satisfying the condition precedent established in Delegated Approval Form (DAF) No. 2025-293 for the transfer of operational management of the Subject Lands from Transportation Services to Parks and Recreation.

2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare and submit for enactment any necessary Bills to give effect to City Council's decision, including the closing By-law substantially in the form of the draft By-law attached as Attachment 2 to the report from the Acting Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, dated June 22, 2026.

3. City Council authorize the reservation, granting, acquisition, amendment or release of any easements, rights, agreements or other property interests required to protect existing municipal infrastructure, utility infrastructure, access rights, or operational requirements associated with the Subject Lands, on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, the General Manager, Toronto Water and any affected utility providers, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts to Transportation Services resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Environmental investigation costs associated with the Subject Lands were funded through Parks and Recreation capital funding sources. Parks and Recreation's approved 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan include funding for detailed design and construction of the proposed park and dog off-leash area.

DECISION HISTORY

By DAF No. 2025-293, the Executive Director, Corporate Real Estate Management pursuant to Chapter 213, Real Property, authorized the General Manager, Transportation Services, to give notice to the public under Municipal Code Chapter 162 of a proposed By-law to close portions of the property municipally known as 6600 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, in accordance with the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162 and the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities and authorized the transfer of operational management of the Former Highway Lands from Transportation Services to Parks & Recreation once the public highway lands have been stopped up and closed.

<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/958f-2025-293-6600-Lawrence-Ave-East.pdf>

There are no previous City Council or Community Council decisions directly applicable to the Subject Lands.

COMMENTS

Parks and Recreation requested the transfer of operational management of the Subject Lands, identified as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 66R-34623 located at 6600 Lawrence Avenue East, following permanent closure of the public highway as shown on Attachment 1. Corporate Real Estate Management approved DAF No. 2025-293, authorizing initiation of the permanent highway closure process and the transfer of operational management, conditional upon City Council approval of the closure.

The Subject Lands are located north of Lawrence Avenue East and west of Starspray Boulevard and form part of the public highway associated with Lawrence Avenue East, as shown on the Location Map in Attachment 3. The lands are currently open landscaped spaces and do not form part of the travelled roadway, sidewalk, cycling infrastructure, or any other transportation function.

Transportation Services staff have reviewed the Subject Lands and determined that they are not required for present or future municipal transportation purposes.

The proposal was circulated through the City's Technical Review Committee (TRC). No objections were identified by participating divisions or agencies.

The Subject Lands are identified on Plan 66R-34623, deposited on May 2, 2025, with a combined area of approximately 1,998.5 square metres.

Parks and Recreation proposes to utilize the Subject Lands for public park purposes, including the development of a dog off-leash area, supporting the provision of additional parkland amenities within the surrounding community.

As part of Transportation Services' review of the proposed highway closure, circulation was undertaken with affected municipal divisions and utility providers. Toronto Water identified existing municipal storm, sanitary and water infrastructure within the Subject Lands and Toronto Hydro identified existing overhead hydro infrastructure crossing the Subject Lands and has requested that an easement be secured to protect its facilities. The proposed closure can proceed subject to the reservation, granting or registration of any required easements, agreements or other property interests necessary to protect existing municipal and utility infrastructure.

Public Notice of the proposed By-law to close the lands as public highway will be posted on the notices page of the City's website in accordance with City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162.

The requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule "A+" activities will be satisfied through posting notice of the proposed highway closure on the notices page of the City's website for at least five working days prior to the Scarborough Community Council meeting at which the proposed closing by-law will be considered. Public notice will also be provided in accordance with the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Reference Plan
Attachment 2: Draft Bylaw
Attachment 3: Location Map

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Attached separately to this report as a PDF

Attachment 2: Draft By-law

Authority: Scarborough Community Council Item SC_____, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on _____, 2026

CITY OF TORONTO
Bill 320
BY-LAW ____-2026

To permanently close a portion along the north limit of Lawrence Avenue East, adjacent to Ridgewood Road

Whereas it is recommended that portions of the public highway along the northerly limit of Lawrence Avenue East, adjacent to Ridgewood Road be permanently closed as public highways; and

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 _____, 2026;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

Part of the northerly limit of Lawrence Avenue East, adjacent to Ridgewood Road, described as follows, is hereby permanently closed as public highway:

Firstly:

PART OF PIN 06214-0476 (LT)
PART OF BLOCK 312, REGISTERED PLAN 66M-2141
DESIGNATED AS PART 1, PLAN 66R-34623

Secondly:

PART OF PIN 06214-0477 (LT)
PART OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD, REGISTERED PLAN 275
DESIGNATED AS PART 2, PLAN 66R-34623

City of Toronto and Province of Ontario
Land Titles Division of the Toronto Registry Office (No. 66)

Enacted and passed on _____, 2026.
Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)

Attachment 3: Location Map

Attached separately to this report as a PDF