

Corporate Report

NO: R011

COUNCIL DATE: January 30, 2006

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: January 10, 2006

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 7805-0313

SUBJECT: Road Closure at 82A Avenue and 140 Street

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. repeal By-law No. 15058; and

authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a By-law for First, Second and Third Readings by Council to close and remove the dedication as highway of a ±17,427 ft.² (±1,619 m²) unopened portion of 82A Avenue at 140 Street.

BACKGROUND

A. Property Location

The road allowance proposed for road closure is located in the East Newton area at 82A Avenue and 140 Street and is not subject to a Neighbourhood Concept Plan. The immediate area is primarily residential.

B. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The adjoining properties that the portion of road will be consolidated with are located at 8213 and 8239 - 140 Street. They are currently zoned CD (Comprehensive Development) and are vacant. The Official Community Plan designation for this area is Suburban.

C. Purpose of Road Closure

The developer is proposing a seniors' assisted living facility with the addition of the closed road. A $\pm 4,370$ ft.² portion of the road to be closed is required to facilitate the proposed development, while the remaining $\pm 13,057$ ft.² will be consolidated with the site and rededicated as park.

D. Land Value

The developer has agreed to provide compensation to the City equivalent to the market value as determined by a qualified professional appraiser.

E. Process

Prior to final approval of Council, a reference plan prepared at the applicant's expense will be submitted to the Legislative Services Department requesting Introduction and Adoption of a By-law to close and remove the dedication as highway. Prior to Final Adoption of the By-law, in conformance with Sections 40 (3) and 94 of the Community Charter, notice of the closure will be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper, and a notice will be posted at City Hall. The advertisement provides information to the public at large on the details of the closure and indicates that all pertinent data can be obtained from the Realty Services Division. All concerns from the public will be addressed prior to completion of the closure. In addition, as required under Section 40 (4) of the Charter, notice of the City's intention to close the portion of road will be directed to all utility companies considered to be affected by the proposed closure. Legislative Services will then request Council to provide Final Adoption of the By-law. Upon completion of these requirements, the By-law will then be registered at the Land Title Office. The Realty Services Division will then advertise the disposition of the portion of road in a local newspaper and will post a notice at City Hall as prescribed under Sections 26 and 94 of the Charter. The advertisement and notice will contain a description of the land. Upon completion of these items, a final report will be submitted to Council to approve the sale. The City will then prepare transfer documents to transfer the portion of road to the applicant, and registration will take place at the Land Title Office.

E. Conclusion

The road closure allows the developer to complete the seniors' assisted living facility and provides the City with additional parkland open space. The portion of road to be closed and consolidated is not needed for road purposes and does not affect the surrounding area.

As required under Section 40 (4) of the Community Charter, all utility companies potentially affected by the road closure have been consulted. All have indicated that the closing of this portion of road does not affect their services.

The terms of the proposed closure are considered reasonable and the Planning and Parks Departments support this road closure.

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<u>Appendices</u>

I. Aerial Photograph of Site