

# Corporate Report

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### **REGULAR COUNCIL**

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: February 8, 2007

FROM: General Manager, Engineering FILE: 0910-30/181K

SUBJECT: City-initiated Road Closure at 74 Avenue and 128 Street

### RECOMMENDATION

That Engineering Department recommends that Council authorize the City Clerk to bring forward a By-law for consideration by Council to close and remove the dedication as highway of a  $\pm 12,593$  ft.<sup>2</sup> redundant portion of road located at 74 Avenue and 128 Street.

# **DISCUSSION**

# A. Property Location

The road allowance proposed for closure is located in the Newton area at 74 Avenue and 128 Street. The immediate area is primarily residential.

# B. Plan Designations, Zoning, and Land Uses

The abutting City properties form the Newton Athletic Park. These lands and the unconstructed road are to be consolidated with a subdivision plan. These lands are currently zoned RA (One Acre Residential) and are vacant. The area is not subject to a Neighbourhood Concept Plan.

# C. Purpose of Road Closure

This City-initiated road closure will facilitate the closure of a  $\pm 12,593$  ft.<sup>2</sup> redundant portion of road, which will be consolidated with the properties that comprise the Newton Athletic Park.

### D. Process

Prior to final approval of Council, a reference plan 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 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

This City-initiated road closure will facilitate the closing of a portion of redundant road and establish a larger, consolidated Newton Athletic Park.

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

It is recommended that Council approve the road closure as outlined in this report.

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#### **Appendices**

# I. Aerial Photograph of Site