

Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of King Street – Central Industrial Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to close a portion of King Street adjacent to 75 King Street and 88 King Street. This portion will be consolidated with one of these City of Saskatoon owned properties that is commonly known as 'City Yards'.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9735, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2021;
2. That after closure, the right-of-way be re-designated and be part of City Yards; and
3. That all costs associated with the closure be paid for by the applicants, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

The City Yards is currently used for various City of Saskatoon operations. By closing this portion of King Street and consolidated properties, the City will be able to better secure the City Yards by installing a fence and gate.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The following steps, in chronological order, have been completed as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1 – Proposed closure of right-of-way process summary

Date	Action	Comments
May 2020	Transportation and Construction Division begins process of proposing the partial closure of King Street.	None.
November 2020	Received review comments from Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MHI). MHI requires no compensation.	Webb Surveys initiated the circulation of the Plan of Proposed Road Closure to MHI, a required action under Section 13 of <i>The Cities Act</i> .
November 2020	Received final Plan of Proposed Road Closure from Webb Surveys.	Area to be closed totals 0.78 acres.
December 2020	Conditional Subdivision approval from Community Services Division.	Subdivision No. 43/20
January 2021	Public Notice, Bylaw and City Council Report	None.

To complete this transaction, the Administration requires that City Council approve Bylaw No. 9735, The Street Closing Bylaw 2021 (Appendix 1).

No dead-end situation will be created as a new cul-de-sac will be constructed approximately 130 metres to the east of the current cul-de-sac, which is outside of the fenced and secured area of City Yards, if the proposed closure is approved.

Utility agencies have been contacted with respect to the closure. Saskatoon Light and Power, SaskEnergy, SaskTel and Shaw Communications require easements.

Nearby property owners were contacted about this proposed closure and no objections were raised.

Canadian Pacific was contacted about this proposed closure and no objections were raised.

Communication activities are included with the requirement for Public Notice. No other communication activities are required.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3 (subsection b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was provided:

- Advertised in The StarPhoenix on January 9, 2021 and January 11, 2021 (Appendix 2);
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on January 8, 2021; and
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on January 8, 2021.

There are no financial, social or environmental implications identified.

APPENDICES

1. Bylaw No. 9735, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2021
2. Public Notice – Proposed Closure of Portion of King Street

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