
Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Road Segment Adjacent to Highway 14 between Neault Road and Range Road 3063 – Blairmore Development Area Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to close a road segment adjacent to Highway 14. The closed portion of road will be part of a transaction to acquire property required to widen Neault Road.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9822, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022;
2. That after closure, the former right-of-way be exchanged for a portion of a parcel owned by Dirt II Properties Ltd.; and
3. That all costs associated with closure be paid for by the City of Saskatoon, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

Saskatoon Land has negotiated a real estate transaction where the City of Saskatoon will acquire a portion of Dirt II Properties Ltd.'s parcel along Neault Road (2.4 acres) in exchange for the road segment proposed to be closed through the bylaw in this report (2.76 acres). This will allow for the City's project of widening Neault Road to begin in 2022.

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
March 2022	Saskatoon Land and Dirt II Properties Ltd. agree on real estate transaction.	Land exchange.
March 2022	Received review comments from Ministry of Highways (MoH). MoH requires no compensation.	Saskatoon Land initiated the circulation of the Plan of Proposed Closure drawing to MoH, a required action under Section 13 of <i>The Cities Act</i> .
May 2022	Public Notice, Bylaw and City Council Report.	None.

To complete this transaction, the Administration requires that City Council approve Bylaw No. 9822, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022 (Appendix 1).

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SaskPower has services on the parcel being closed and will require an easement. This closure does not create any dead-end situation or eliminate legal access to any adjacent parcels.

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If approved, the closed road segment will be exchanged with Dirt II Properties Ltd. for a portion of their parcel that will allow for the City project to widen Neault Road.

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 May 7, 2022 and May 9, 2022 (Appendix 2);
- Posted on the City Hall Notice Board on May 7, 2022; and
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website on May 7, 2022.

There are no social or environmental implications identified.

APPENDICES

1. Bylaw No. 9822, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022
2. Public Notice – Proposed Road Closure Highway 14

Report Approval

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