
Proposed Closure of Right-of-Way – Portion of Spadina Crescent East – Downtown Neighbourhood

ISSUE

Administration requests approval to close a portion of Spadina Crescent East in the 400 block. This portion of Spadina Crescent East is not developed and is not currently used as roadway. The closed portion of Spadina Crescent East will be used by the City of Saskatoon in the development of a headquarters building as part of the permanent outdoor festival site.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9824, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022 (No. 2);
2. That after closure the former right-of-way be used in the development of the City's outdoor festival site; and
3. That all costs associated with closure be paid for by the City of Saskatoon, including Solicitor's fees and disbursements.

BACKGROUND

In planning for a public outdoor festival site, the City of Saskatoon Community Services Division proposed closing a portion of Spadina Crescent East to acquire more space. The portion proposed to be closed is not currently developed. No portion of Spadina Crescent East, currently open to traffic, will be reduced or closed.

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
January 2022	Plan of Proposed Road Closure drawing is completed.	Total area to be closed is 0.13 acres.
March 2022	Proposed subdivision is approved by Planning and Development.	Subdivision No. 7/22
April 2022	Received review comments from Ministry of Highways (MoH). MoH requires no compensation.	Webb Surveys 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. 9824, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022 (No. 2) (Appendix 1).

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No easements are required. This closure does not create a 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.

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 City Hall Notice Board on May 7, 2022;
- Posted on the City of Saskatoon website May 7, 2022; and
- Mailed to nearby property owners (414, 416, 424 and 436 Spadina Crescent East) May 2/3, 2022.

There are no financial, social, or environmental implications identified.

APPENDICES

1. Bylaw No. 9824, The Street Closing Bylaw, 2022 (No. 2)
2. Public Notice – Proposed Road Closure Spadina Crescent East
3. Confidential – Solicitor/Client Privilege

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